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Rex Reeves Principal Bob Parks emerges from the smoke Thursday night to wipe his eyes. A custodian store room at the school

was damaged by fire and the remainder of the school suffered mild smoke damage due to the evening blaze.

## County officials want substantial pay raises

While county commissioners huddle behind closed doors to discuss salary raises for county employees, elected officials have some ideas of their own about equitable salaries. They give their opinions on page 2.

## Fire extinguishers faulty but blaze contained

Rex Reeves Elementary School custodians reported Thursday they were hampered in their efforts to put out a fire at the school because several fire extinguishers they used simply wouldn't work. School Supt. Jerry Jacobs said he will look into the matter. The fire was contained by Canyon firemen in a small custodian store room at the school. Fourth and fifth graders went to class their last day of school before the Christmas break in the dark and without heat. See story on page 6.

## Budget board approves recommendation for university

The Texas Legislative Budget Board has recommended \$10 million budgets for West Texas State University the next two years. The LBB action next goes to the legislature for consideration. Financial Vice President Hermas Miller reacts to the LBB recommendation on page 5.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



SANTA'S NEW LOOK was presented by the Developmental Class of Rex Reeves Elementary School this week as a pre-Christmas treat for fellow students with Mike Hayes,

standing, portraying the 'slim version of Santa' and Mark Walker, seated, as the traditional plump bellied gentleman of the holidays. (See photo story inside).



Our World

The Focal Point

By ANN BROWN  
As the Christmas season approaches, devout Christians, nominal Christians, and non-Christians are all made aware that the birth of Christ is the focal point of all history.  
What does one so important have to offer the world? And how do we distinguish genuine Christianity from the pseudo kind?  
Just as a rat will not eat poison unless it is mixed with good grain, men will not accept false religion if it is not masked with some degree of truth.  
Christ's favorite sermon was "Beware of false prophets." But how can we recognize a false prophet?  
All false prophets have a few things in common. There are 3 simple tests by which one's Christianity may be measured:  
(1) What is his attitude toward the Bible? The Bible makes certain claims for itself. It is a narrow, intolerant Book, which claims to be the infallible, inerrant, inspired, complete revelation of God's will for man (II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:21).  
People usually obey the Bible in direct proportion to their knowledge of and belief in its teachings.  
The closing verses of the Book promises a curse upon any man who adds to or takes away from the words written therein (Rev. 22:18-19).  
The world is filled with good books designed to help readers better understand the Bible. But any book that claims to super-

seede or be on par with the Bible is a denial of the Holy Book.  
The second question to measure the validity of one's Christianity is: (2) What is his attitude toward Jesus Christ?  
Jesus said He was one with the Father, equal to His Father; the truth, the life, and the only way to the Father (John 10:30, 14:9, 14:6). He also said "before Abraham was, I AM (John 8:58).  
Anyone who tries to give Jesus a seat in a pantheon with other gods, or place Him on a faculty with other religious leaders and teachers is not a follower of Christ.  
Any group that teaches salvation is possible without Christ is not Christian. And any system that requires anything in addition to Christ for salvation makes Him a liar.  
Jesus did not claim to be a way to heaven, or part of the way, but THE way (John 14:6). And millions of millions have believed Him, and found peace and joy in that faith.  
Christ was not a prophet; He was the fulfillment of prophecy. He spoke of things to come to pass, but He is also the God who brings them to pass.  
He is not merely a teacher offering men a philosophy of life, a set of dogmas, and a rule of ethics; He is the God who gives men life.  
Any religion that attempts to lower Christ to the level of any other figure in Scripture or history is not Christian.  
The final question in deter-

mining the validity of one's Christianity is: (3) What is his attitude toward the blood of Christ?  
The Bible tells us we are purchased with His blood, justified by His blood, and redeemed through His blood (Acts 20:28, Rom. 5:9, Eph. 1:7).  
From the first sacrifice offered in Gen. 4:4 to the last drop of blood Christ spilled on Calvary, the Bible teaches there can be no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood (Heb. 9:22).  
All the saints gathered around God's throne were said to have overcome Satan, and gained heaven through "the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14).  
And John the Baptist said of Jesus, Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).  
Any religion, therefore, that ignores, discounts, or ridicules the blood of Christ is not Christian at all.  
The life of all creatures is in the blood. Drain it out, and life is gone. And eternal life is gained only through the blood (life) of Jesus Christ.  
So a genuine Christian believes the Bible is the inspired word of the Creator of the Universe (and to believe is to obey).  
The Christian accepts Christ as the son of God, and believes His blood is adequate payment for the sins of everyone who asks in repentance and faith.  
History is simply His Story that we emphasize weekly every Sunday, and annually on Dec. 25.

EDITORIALS

Editorial Features

City Desk

Cattle Business Sure Been Tough Lately

By CARROLL WILSON

I got out of the cattle business about a week ago, and I'm here to tell you I can empathize with the cattlemen who've been singing the blues about how bad things are in the cattle market.  
If you've had a hard time understanding why there are few dry eyes under cowboy hats these days, maybe my experience in the cattle business can give you some insight.  
I got into the cattle business late last summer, when most experienced cattlemen were trying to get out of the cattle business.  
But, it seemed like a pretty good idea at the time.  
This friend, see, offered to let me keep one cow on his farm and he said he'd let it graze out there and then would feed it for awhile as winter came on. (I still don't know whether the animal was a heifer, a steer or a bull, but I don't guess it makes much difference to the outcome of this story. So,

I'm just gonna call it a cow and hope women's libbers will forgive my lack of concern with gender).  
Anyway, I put up half the money to buy this cow at a local cattle auction and this other friend of mine, who'll go unnamed for the same reason cattlemen don't like to admit they're cattlemen, put up the other half.  
As I recall, we purchased our herd for \$130.  
The first day we had him-her, we went out to our pseudo-spread and all you could see for miles was one lone cow — actually calf.  
Now, I've got no qualms about eating beef, but I have to tell you that knowing some day I was gonna be eating that little calf made me feel kind of bad. Guilty almost.  
My wife, herself a city slicker, advised that we shouldn't let our four-year-old daughter become too attached to the cow because she'd be upset sure enough when she perked up at the dinner table

one day and asked us what we were eating and we told her we were eating that sad-eyed calf.  
The grass the calf ate for several months didn't cost us a thing, due to the generosity of the fellow who got us into the cattle business in the first place. And, just like he predicted, the cow began putting on some weight.  
As time wore on, I decided that if I was gonna have a whole half a beef to deal with I'd better get a freezer.  
If you've tried to find a good used deep freeze these days, you know you'd have better luck in Antarctica.  
Finally, we found one and I plunked down \$150 cash for it, and hauled it to my house and just let it sit there for awhile because being in the cattle business was already affecting my personal economics.  
Then last Monday my wife decided we should plug the freezer in so it'd be nice and cold when we brought our herd back from the packing house in bite-size chunks. Well, we plugged her in and she just sat there.  
To make a long story short, we invested another 300 bucks for a freezer Friday and watched mournfully as our \$150 freezer was hauled to the junk yard.  
"This cattle business is getting awful expensive," I told my wife. She just cried.  
Those among my friends who just don't understand the ups and downs of the cattle business thought my experience more than funny.  
"Here we are heading for a depression and old Wilson's buying freezers and throwing them away," laughed one friend.  
"Hey, Wilson," laughed another, "I got a good boat I'll sell you. It'd be perfect for Buffalo Lake."  
Ha. Ha.  
Yesterday, we went down to Tulsa to pick up our beef and it cost me another 14 cents a pound to get out of there.  
So, I'm just sitting here figuring out what my venture into the cattle business cost me. Let's see, there's \$65 for the cow, \$25 for feed, \$21 for dressing him out, \$300 for a freezer and \$150 for another freezer. Yep. It comes to \$561 or about \$3.71 per pound.  
I'm telling you, the cattle business is in sorry shape these days.

Letter To The Editor  
Commission Salaries Should Be Lowered

Dear Sir:

Our Randall County Commissioners are rehashing this coming week to work out salary increases again. In August they voted to give everyone a raise of six percent but that's out the window and now there is to be a new game plan.

In figuring their own salaries since 1971, the example set has been, "I raise." This is indeed pitiful since all these men sought honor as commissioners, and elected to serve, at a considerably lower salary. The lesson to be learned here is that voters should thoughtfully ask their candidates if they "agree to serve at the current salary, if elected, for the next four years and if not, why not?"

There is little evidence available that these commissioners truly earn their current salary of \$620.00 plus fringe benefits each month. A meeting once a week (with noticeable absenteeism) and seldom twice that lasts 2 to 3 hours, a regional government (people control) meeting now and then, for some, is about it.  
Bill Butler has no county roads in his precinct with which to be concerned and strong citizen complaint elsewhere indicates that county "road watch" is pure poppycock.

As the commissioners group behind closed doors I urge that they forego any increase in their salaries. Economic conditions and conscience demand it. They should likewise consider and adopt a system of accounting for their daily county-associated activity so that it may be filed weekly with the county clerk to be used as a public guide particularly with regard to any projected salary increase. Further, those proposed salary increases should be heard only after a new court has been formed as a result of public elections then to be followed by a period of public notification and response.  
Now just one last thought: Contrary to any increase there

should be a downward escalation of commissioners salaries and expenses since the role of county government diminishes as towns within that jurisdiction grow larger.

Sincerely,  
John W. McCann

Museums Topic Of WT Course

Museums — how they work, how exhibits are prepared and artifacts restored or conserved — will be studied in West Texas State University's "Applied Techniques of Museology" this upcoming spring semester.

Taught by Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum Director James A. Hanson, the course is an Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Special Topics listing 39903-1 on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m.

"This course is to provide the student with the opportunity of laboratory experience in museology," Hanson says. "It is also to determine the student's individual abilities and special interests as they apply to museum work."

Each student participating will select one area of museology to develop their talents and understanding of museum work through research and preparation of a project, according to Hanson.

This is the second museology course instructed by Hanson at West Texas State. The first in the fall semester was "Museums: Their Philosophy and Organization."

"Applied Techniques of Museology" can be taken for graduate credit with special approval. Registration for this and other courses at West Texas State University is Jan. 17-18. For more information, contact the dean of admissions and registrar, WTSU, Canyon, Texas 79016 or phone 656-3331.

Commissioners Eyeing 1975 Pay Hikes

County Officials Will Seek Large Raises

Randall County elected officials will ask for major adjustments upward in salaries for county employees when they meet with county commissioners Monday in closed-door session.

Commissioners are to begin a second session on county personnel salaries following their

regular meeting Monday afternoon and they are expected to meet with the elected officials at that time.

The elected officials indicated Friday in News interviews they will seek substantial raises for their employees. Most said they will not be satisfied with cost-of-living wage adjustments.

Citing inequities in the county payroll, they said they must have salaries which are competitive with business, industry and other counties in the area.

For the past several years, commissioners have given only cost-of-living raises on an across-the-board basis to county employees. Last year, the employees received an across-the-board hike of five per cent. A similar hike of 6 per cent had been scheduled in the 1975 budget, but the commissioners' meetings are to alter that plan.

The News learned that Sheriff Cliff Longest will seek large raises for himself and for his deputies, including uniform allowances and pay hikes for each level of state certification the officers reach.

The sheriff said he has figured a 6 per cent across-the-board hike for his personnel, plus the additional allowances. The total adjustments in his office would add \$9900 per year to the county employee budget.

Currently, the sheriff makes \$1000 per month for an annual

total of \$12,000. The Potter County sheriff makes \$19,944 per year and the chief deputy in Potter County makes more than Sheriff Longest. The chief deputy has a salary of \$12,720 per year. Deputy pay for Potter County's officers is between \$825 and \$915 per month.

District Attorney George Dow-

len will also seek hefty raises for incoming Dist. Atty. Randy Sherrod and two assistants.

He said the raises must be substantial "to be competitive at all with the other prosecutor offices and law firms in the area."

He said he wants to have pay for the attorneys set "where it is competitive and where we can

get some experienced people in and keep them for awhile."

He, too, cited Potter County as an example.

"In Potter County's D.A. office, the first assistant makes \$17,500," Dowlen said. Dowlen himself makes a salary only a few dollars higher than that.

Tom Curtis, district attorney in Potter County, makes \$25,000 per year, Dowlen said.  
Other assistants in that office make from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per year.

Assistants in Randall County make less than \$10,000 per year. "I don't dare think the criminal district attorney in Randall County should be making more than the first assistant in Potter County, for heaven's sake," Dowlen said.

County Clerk LeRoy Hutton would not reveal his requests, but said they will call for "a major salary adjustment."

He said he believes salaries for employees in his office are not in line with competitive businesses or other counties.

County Road Supt. Joe West indicated he will ask commissioners for a lump sum figure raise for his employees. He said the figure will total slightly more than a cost-of-living percentage.

"I feel we're not competitive," he said. "I have checked with other counties and we're not up to the other counties."

Mrs. Audrey Bruce, county tax assessor-collector, said she will have pay hike recommendations also, but her recommendations will be on an individual basis.

"I've asked for what I think their job is worth," she said.

She said the recommendations she plans to make would bring the salaries of her employees more in line with competition.

Mrs. LaQuitta Polvadore, district clerk, said she, too, will seek major salary adjustments from commissioners for her employees.



New officers . . . from left, DeWolfe, Faver, Sewell and Dr. Watkins.

Three Students Become Army Officers At WTSU

In a brief swearing-in ceremony conducted Thursday at the West Texas State University campus, Lieutenant Colonel John B. Luke, Professor of Military Science at WTSU, administered the oath of office as U.S. Army Officers in the rank of second lieutenant to the December graduates of the West Texas Army ROTC program.

Dennis O. Faver, the recipient of a Regular Army Commission, will report for active duty on January 10, 1975. Upon completion of the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Ft. Sill, Okla., Lieutenant Faver will travel to Germany for duty with the 1st Armored Division.

United States Army Reserve commissions were awarded to Paul D. Sewell, and Vaughn P. DeWolfe. Lieutenant Sewell will report to Fort Knox, Ky., on Jan. 28, 1975, to attend the Armor Officer Basic Course. After completing this course of instruction, Sewell will report for duty at Fort Hood, Tex. Lieutenant DeWolfe is scheduled to attend the Ordnance Officer Basic Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. DeWolfe will ultimately travel to Europe for duty assign-

ment.  
Present at the ceremony were friends and family of the three officers. Pinning Lt. DeWolfe's gold bars on was his wife, Lonita.



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# Public Hearing Set On Dec. 30

## City In Growth Area, Could Mean Fed Funds

Loudder said the designation of Canyon as a growth center would enable the city to obtain funds to ensure its position as a

slums and blight; elimination of unhealthy and unsafe conditions; conservation and expansion of housing stock; expansion

City officials, including Mayor Manly Bryan in public session last Monday, have voiced some concern that Canyon does not fall within many of those parameters.

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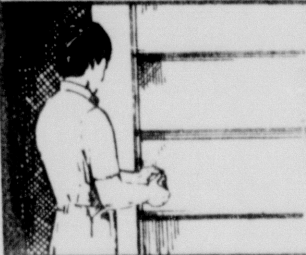
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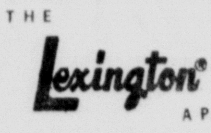
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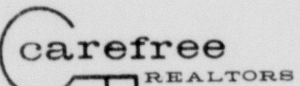
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### Cubs Share Holiday With Less Fortunate

Gifts for needy families of Canyon were brought by members of Cub Scout Pack 131 to their annual Christmas party last Saturday afternoon.

The party was held at the Episcopal Center in Canyon with the Cubs bringing wrapped gifts of food, clothing, toys and other items to share with the less fortunate, according to John Grillo, cubmaster.

"The boys had their gifts labelled with contents and appropriate age for recipient, and we presented these gifts then to Carmen Hernandez of the Canyon Family Services for distribution to those in need," stated Grillo.

About 20 scouts and their parents were present for the holiday party which included a pinata and discussion of the holiday traditions of Christmas in other countries by one den. The same den also made holiday candy which was served as the party refreshments Saturday afternoon.

Other leaders of the Cub Pack are Maj. L. D. Truitt, den leader for Webeles; and den mothers, Gwen Moreland and Mary Truitt.

Past accomplishments of Pack 131 include the project of collecting aluminum cans in 1973 with 562 pounds being removed from the highways, etc. The Pack also recently collected the overall prize for the best booth at the last scout exhibit in Amarillo, according to Grillo.

### Workshops Set On WTSU Campus

West Texas State University has received more than \$6,000 to offer two 2-day Student Organization Sponsors' Workshops during the spring semester.

The federal funds came through a cooperative agreement between West Texas State University and the University of Texas.

These workshops will involve student organization sponsors to leadership training related to cultural awareness and human relations to help reduce racial tension and isolation among students.

Participants will be shown how to develop strategies for the involvement of multi-cultural students in organizations and activities, they will also be familiarized with multi-cultural materials covering a broad spectrum of ethnic integration in student organizations.

The exact dates for these workshops have not been set. Those interested in participating should write Dr. Jack Nance of the WTSU Dept. of Secondary and Higher Education, or telephone him at 656-2036.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The City of Canyon, Texas, will hold its first Public Hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program on December 30, 1974, at 7 P.M. This hearing will be conducted at the Canyon Community Center, 300 16th Street.

Citizen participation has been designated by Federal guidelines as an important requirement in the application process for Community Development funds. To meet this requirement two public hearings must be held. All citizens who feel they have an interest in the development of programs to be carried out under this grant are urged to attend these meetings.

The Public Hearing to be held on December 30th will consist of two parts. The first will include presentations designed to provide information to citizens concerning the amount of funds available, time limitations for application submittals, type of programs eligible and ineligible for funding, program requirements concerning environmental reviews, requirements of the City as to time tables, data required for applications, and conformance with other Federal laws. Various staff of the City will be assigned at the Public Hearing to assist citizens to understand the different program requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

The second portion of this public hearing is designed to offer citizens the opportunity to actively be a part of the planning process of identifying community problems, setting goals, establishing programs and priorities. All citizens who wish to address themselves to these areas at this meeting will be invited to do so through presentations and discussions. Any person may contact City Hall prior to this Hearing with ideas concerning Community Development.

Needs and programs identified will be consolidated into a priority listing at this meeting to be used as a format for preapplications and applications to be submitted to HUD for approval.

At this December 30th meeting a date will be set up for a second Public Hearing to be conducted prior to the submission of the final application. This hearing will offer citizens the opportunity to consider any amendments or further considerations that might be incorporated into the final application.

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"SANTA'S NEW LOOK" was performed by the Developmental Class of Mrs. Marie Manley as a holiday treat for students of Rex Reeves Elementary School about a dozen times during the final week of school. The traditionally fat Santa (Mark Walker) had gained so much after sampling goodies on his rounds that he was caught in the chimney and helped out by the elves (Paula Currie and Carla Haskins). Coach — Danny Clark — then proceeded to put Santa on a regimen of dieting and jogging for 'slimming down' and the next holiday Santa (Mike Hayes) had

trimmed off to the point where the children (Lelia Beckman and John David Franks) didn't recognize the kindly gentleman and in turn called in the police (Steve Riley and Darlene Jones) to arrest Santa as a supposed burglar. Then after sentencing from The Judge (Irene Puccio) and a jail wait with fellow prisoner (Dony Funk) Santa joined Big Daddy (Johnny Johnson) for a feast of "20 pizzas and chocolate milkshakes" to regain his plump poundage before wishing all a Merry Christmas.

## Budget Board Eyes University Request

The Texas Legislative Budget Board will recommend to legislators an \$10.6 million appropriation for 1975-76 and an \$10.3 million appropriation for 1976-77 for West Texas State University, The News learned last week.

The LBB, meeting Wednesday to eye higher education budgets, cut the WTSU appropriation requests by more than \$1 million for the first year of the biennium. The university had asked for \$11.8 million for 1975-76. The cut for the second year was somewhat less. WTSU had requested \$11.1 million.

Current year appropriation for the university is \$7.9 million. The LBB will recommend a budget for the university to be paid from the state's general revenue for \$9.4 million for the first year and \$9.2 million for the second. Those figures are up from the current biennium general revenue portion of \$6.6 million and \$6.7 million.

Hermas Miller, WTSU financial vice president, said he learned Thursday the LBB cut primarily in the area of additional programs for the university.

He said he understands the board did not include any new research programs for funding. Information was not available on the status of faculty salary requests, which WTSU listed as a top priority for funding for the biennium.

If the LBB recommendation is accepted by legislators, a proposed plan for funding of a Physical Resources Research Institute would go down the drain. The university sought special appropriations for that project.

The budget request submitted by the university included a 13.6 per cent salary raise for faculty in the next fiscal year and a 6.8 per cent hike in the following year.

"This is all very preliminary," Miller said of the LBB action. Miller said he was not disturbed by the apparent cut in special appropriations for the university because he feels new projects "should have a pretty good chance when the legislature meets."

He said sources he talked to in Austin indicated "the colleges and universities will be fairly well taken care of, but whether that is true or not I don't know."

Miller said the recommendations of the LBB comprise just a basic bill which the legislature will massage before passage.

"Quite frankly, the budget board never has put much new stuff in it," he said. "Usually it's without frills. That's the reason I'm not too excited one way or the other."

## Canyon's Churchlife

Bill Webb, director of the Baptist Student Union at West Texas State University, will be guest speaker for the morning and evening worship services of Calvary Baptist Church today while the pastor's family is on a holiday trip.

No midweek services are scheduled at the church this week.

The First United Methodist Church of Canyon will have a "Christmas Story" told in song and tableau presentations by the children and youth of the church this evening, Dec. 22.

Services for the church are cancelled for midweek due to the Christmas holiday, however on New Year's Eve at 11 p.m. the church will have a watchnight service and communion service.

While remodeling is going on at the First Baptist Church of Canyon, the congregation meets on Sundays for worship services at both 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Canyon Junior High School auditorium. Midweek services on Wednesdays are still being held at the church building though, noted the acting pastor, Darold Baldwin.

A Christmas move is being made by the congregation of Canyon's Central Church of Christ, according to W. Dwayne Dennis, minister. The congregation will be moved into the new church facility on

Canyon's eastern edge for worship services next Sunday, Dec. 29, and the church has been renamed the University Church of Christ.

Calvin Rashall, pastor of the First United Pentecostal Church in Canyon, announces that his father, Rev. G. C. Rashall, who has been assisting with establishment of the local church over a year will be moving shortly to East Texas. Rev. and Mrs. Rashall were honored by the church with a farewell fellowship at the church Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, and will be concluding their work with the local church with today's services.

Christmas program by the choir and children of the Grace Baptist Church will be presented this evening, Dec. 22, for the congregation's entertainment. Regular midweek services are scheduled for Christmas evening.

Youths of the First Baptist Church of Canyon will be "caroling" Sunday evening, Dec. 22, after regular worship services and will then conclude with a holiday fellowship.

Open House will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Chism, 2004 2nd Avenue, from 2-5 p.m. today, Dec. 22, for the Adult III Department of First Baptist Church.

"A Time For Love" will be the theme for worship activities at the First Christian Church of Canyon this morning, Dec. 22, beginning with a fellowship and light breakfast at the church at 9:30 a.m. Family worship at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary will feature the Children's Choir singing carols and a time of family dedication for parents and infants. The Christmas Gift Offering will go to the National Benevolent Association, according to Rev. Terry White.

"The World's Greatest Prayer" is the title for the Sunday morning worship services at the First Presbyterian Church of Canyon today, Dec. 22, and will be based on Luke 1:26-38 with Rev. Baldwin J. Stribling conducting the services.

Canyon's Community Family Service Committee will be receiving donations of food, cash, etc., at a special box in the First Christian Church of Canyon. Check donations for helping those less fortunate will be accepted at the church office for aiding the needy of our community.

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### Mail Delivery To Be Delayed

Canyon mail will be delivered on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, on the regular schedule to all residential, business and rural areas.

However, window services at post offices will be open only from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day, there will be

no regular delivery of mail to residential, business, post office boxes or rural areas.

Special Delivery mail will be delivered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Regular window, delivery and collection services will resume on Thursday, December 26th.

### Senior Citizens Seek Donations

Canyon's senior citizen association is beginning a fund-raising drive this week to enable them to purchase the Neblett Hospital building and property.

Dutch Cleavinger, association president, said \$30,000 is needed within 30 days to complete the deal.

The old hospital is to be vacated shortly after the first of the year when the

new Palo Duro Hospital is completed.

Cleavinger said donations might be sent either the Canyon First National Bank or West Texas State Bank.

The property would be used by the senior citizens for a center in the downtown area. The association has been using the Canyon Community Center and the J.O. Parker Memorial Building here.



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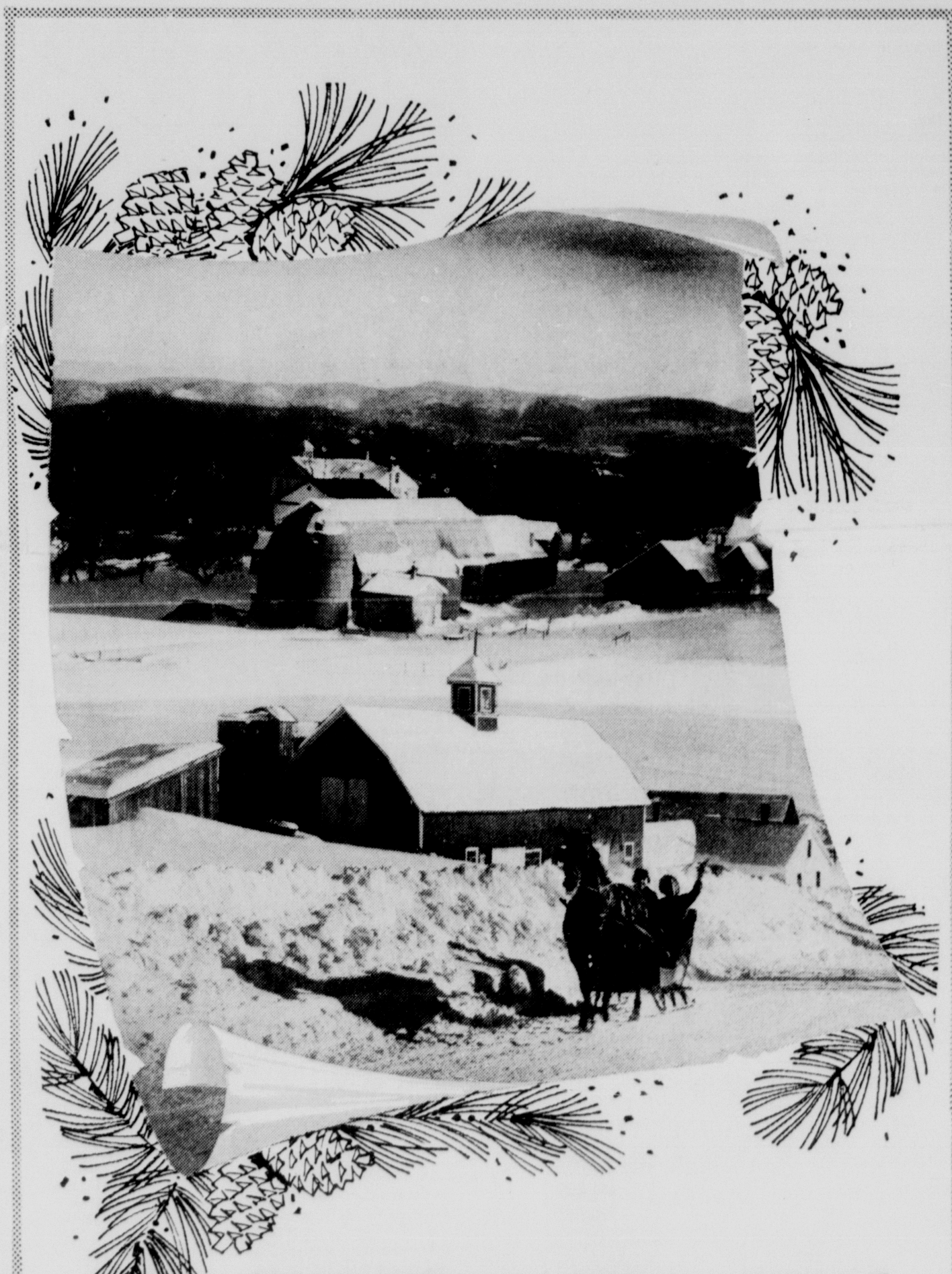
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# The Canyon News



# Arts And Entertainment Through The Looking Glass

By ANN MELIN

I didn't have to look very far for the Christmas spirit. I wanted to summon forth for a little play I wanted to set down in this column. They were to be found right here in Canyon.

And I decided I would just have to take up the assignment of providing a play since with Christmas holidays, Canyon's artists, musicians and players seem to be taking off to seek their own Yuletide amusement with friends and family.

The theme of my play is to be "All that finds a shelter in the manger of Man's heart is still alive."

I intend to write my play in the style of the No-Play of Japan in that it will be filled with ghosts which are "dim, wistful voices, wandering unsatisfied in lonely

air... a faint dream gone with dawn."

And I audaciously hope my play will measure up to the severe criticism that Samuel Johnson once made of William Shakespeare when he said that the rosy bard "had no regard to distinction of time or place, but gives to one age or nation, without scruple, the customs, institutions and opinions of another, at the expense not only of likelihood, but of possibility."

But I want to be modernistic, too. Most musicians of today are familiar with the kind of improvisational work being turned out by contemporary composers. In these pieces, the musicians themselves are given the bare bones of a score and are asked to fill in the gaps with the flesh of their own talent and

imagination. Such a movement is also going on in theatre plays as being written in which actors and actresses are asked by the playwrights to improvise their own dialogue in the manner which best suits them. And by now everybody knows about those write-them-yourself marriage vows that many young people are taking up before marching to the altar.

Now that I've announced my intention to provide the rudiments of a script, I'm afraid I'm going to have to impose upon my readers in requesting that they themselves choose among the various roles I have to offer and become Christmas hams. After all, the artists and musicians and players of Canyon and West Texas State University have been doing this

sort of thing for the public the year around and they richly deserve a brief intermission. Patrons of the city's arts are just going to have to fend for themselves during the Christmas break.

But perhaps I'm making too much ado about nothing. It's now time to get down to the heart of the matter. Auditions will now be heard!

Roles are available (and although they are traditionally male ones, I am going to employ no sex distinction) for King Wenceslaus and his loyal servant. The parts call for persons who seemingly make the act of giving an end in itself. The two spirits will set out in foul weather laden with gifts which they will bestow on the unfortunate, the poor and the op-

pressed (we'll have to have folks to portray these roles although I'm sorry to say they are not as fulfilling as one might hope). The two spirits do not quibble about who is deserving of their benevolence or whether those in need are to blame for their misfortune. That kind of dialogue is just not in the script.

The Santa Claus role is up for grabs as well, but it's an extremely challenging one since it requires the actor to tax his energies to the utmost while at the same time appearing to the audience going about his herculean labors as if he was drawing from some enchanted reservoir of strength and good cheer.

Being influenced by the avant-garde playwrighting school, I will not even require

that the character Santa Claus be costumed in a red suit with white beard. And the other props — the sleigh and reindeer — can be improvised with whatever the portrayer can come up with to convey his message and his gifts to the audience.

But I must positively insist that the person who fills this character's shoes must work hard at making his eyes twinkle with merriment and his nose blush cherry-red at the thought of how glorious the morning reviews of his performance are going to be.

And there are roles in abundance for Santa Elves. I'd like to think of these as being marvelous vehicles for aspiring character actors. They can go about their work, like Snow White's seven dwarfs — grumpily, sleepily, dopy-ly, bashfully, sneezily, happily or with doctorly precision. All that is really required is that they buck up the action a bit and render solid, supporting help for Santa Claus.

To be faithful to classical theatre, I'm going to have to pitch in a Chorus for the play. No large ensemble necessary. No requirements as to the calibre of voice, although I'm going to need a few outstandingly, raspingly, irritatingly bad vocalists for comic relief. Persons wishing to try out for the chorus, must provide their own coats, mufflers and stocking caps and must also possess a sturdy pair of walking shoes and a jaunty gait. They will enact their parts in the Commedia dell'Arte or strolling performer style.

And of course, a Scrooge and a Grinch have to come into the scene, too, else where would be the tension, conflict or opportunity for meaningful character development? The Scrooge role requires the actor to display most conformed, penny-pinching propensities right up to the climactic episode of the piece. His metamorphosis from misanthropic miser to St. Nickian martyr has to be both miraculously surprising and realistically convincing.

As for the Grinch — that "thing" which Dr. Seuss portrays as trying to steal Christmas — well I've wrenched everything out of my imagination to come up with a description of what such a character might look like and what action he might be taking. All I seem to come up with is a lot of unnecessary symbolism — store clerks stamping up the price of sugar plums and gingerbread houses, commercial artists bent over magazine covers, emblazoning "Recession's Greetings" messages; voices of telephone operators reminding Merry Christmas wishers of the minute-by-minute increase in the rate of their words. Sorry to say, I can't be more specific in delineating the nature of this character.

But I know that it's smooth sailing into the next category of roles, since they are those of "Children" and the simple demand of them is that they act just that way. No age limit here. Children are called upon to sustain an element of surprise and wonderment throughout the play. This sort of performance generally comes easy for young children but old children are going to have to work a little harder at it, since the latter will be double, perhaps triple-cast in the play. Behavior fitting both that of giver AND receiver is required in all elder children roles. An elder child will have to give it all he's got — control the action of the play with great subtlety and sympathize with all who, through dearth of will or skill, are not turning in the kind of back-up performances one might desire of one's fellow players.

So, those are the roles and I hope each reader will be able to find one to fit him or her. Although most will experience themselves gliding naturally into their parts, others may initially fall prey to "butterflies" or, even worse, stage fright. But that's show biz, to be sure, and it's well known that many a theatre's giant admits that, even after many years, these malaises attack them mercilessly before they make their entrances, after which the feelings of foreboding quickly vanish. The blessed relief of saying farewell to these fears often serves to spark a highly-charged and powerful performance on the part of the actor thus cured.

Incidentally, I'm calling upon Nature to set the stage for the Canyon Christmas play. If it can't come up with a blanket of snow, I'm at least putting in an order for some fleecy, white clouds which can double for snow on the backs of angels' wings. And some kind of a moon is needed so those who by some strange quirk have neglected their Christmas shopping duties, can at least fall back on the old "I'm giving you the moon for Christmas" routine.

And, good heavens, where would a Christmas production be without a Star? Luckily, our region's native skies are usually pretty good about turning out a promising crop of luminaries each evening and I can't see as how things are apt to change any. And the man-made part of the show ought to feature many stars, but I must plead innocent of the knowledge of just who's going to shine forth as The Star.

I know that I'm sounding quite bawdy in calling upon Man and Nature to come to my aid in getting this show on the road. But, by my faith, I've never had to undertake either the playwright's role or the director's role, much less both.

And to complicate matters, I can't conceive, in this day and age, of a modern sequel to the manger scene in Canyon. Chances are if a man and a woman, heavy with child, were to trudge into town this Christmas, somebody playing the King Wenceslaus role would whisk them away to Neblett Clinic in nothing flat, thus spoiling the effect that might otherwise be achieved if the couple were forced to occupy some local shed or garage.

Thus, dramatic realism seems to be a pretty tall order here. Shepherds and flocks would be easy to cast in this farm-and-ranching area, and maybe a trio of

learned professors could fill the shoes of the Three Wise Men.

But if realism in this scene can't be effected, one will just have to make do with the many lovely representations of the Nativity in local music, art and drama, of in the Christmas pageants at the elementary school, which I believe partake of the nature of the first three, and possess a sparkling quality all their own.

I guess if one can't have a realistic manger scene, one shall just have to invent one. And that, dear reader, is the best I seem to be able to come up with and down and out with for a Christmas production. I might yet be good for a few more lines, a few stage tricks, some interesting asides, but I think the neat context is here and, I'm down to my last cigarette and out of matches. Therefore, author asks to be excused while she goes in search of a borrowed light.

## Jacobs Will Look Into Matter

# Faulty Extinguishers To Be Examined

Canyon Supt. of Schools Jerry Jacobs, alarmed by the fact that several fire extinguishers wouldn't work Thursday night when custodians attempted to contain a fire at Rex Reeves School, said he will continue this week an investigation into the fire extinguisher problem.

"That concerns me a bunch," Jacobs said after learning that custodians at the elementary school found several inoperable fire extinguishers on the school's walls as they tried to put out a blaze in the northeast wing of the building.

"I felt pretty good because we had somebody checking these things, because it's not unusual for a kid to come along and hit the button on one of those and lose all the air pressure," he said. "But, to pick up that many that won't work — that's bad."

Custodians Gene Byers, John Hall and Willie Johnson told The News they scurried through the elementary school building to find fire extinguishers after discovering the blaze in a small store room, but found, instead, they could not get four extinguishers to operate.

"The ones that would work, the blaze was too big to contain with them," Hall said.

Jacobs said the school district has contracted with a firm to inspect and repair fire extinguishers in all schools.

The News found several extinguishers on the walls of the

school with indications they had been inspected this month.

Jerry Lehnick, city fire marshal, said the extinguishers are to be inspected by the firm at least twice a year. Among his duties as fire marshal is the responsibility to check tags on the extinguishers to assure they have been inspected.

Firemen were called to the elementary school about 6:15 p.m. Thursday by custodians, who found the fire after smelling smoke an hour earlier.

Byers said he smelled smoke in the northeast wing of the building about 5 p.m., but he and other custodians were unable to find the source until they returned to the northeast portion of the building and found smoke billowing from under the door to a custodian's storeroom.

Hall said the smoke was about waist-deep along the hallway of the 4th and 5th grade wing. He said he and Byers opened the door to the room and were forced back by the blaze, which he described as intensely hot.

Byers shut the door to the room after several attempts to squelch the blaze with fire extinguishers.

All units of the Canyon fire department responded to the call and had the blaze under control within minutes.

Principal Bob Parks said the room contained primarily teaching materials such as paper, tests, glue, scissors, flash cards and other such items.

The fire itself was contained in the store room. Lehnick said the fireproof material used to construct the store room probably saved the rest of the wing from fire damage.

Lehnick would not definitely cite a cause of the fire Friday, but

speculated it might have been caused by an electrical short.

One wall of the room is covered with electrical panels.

While the fire was contained, smoke billowed through all halls of the school and the smell of smoke was strong Friday morn-

ing as children reported for the final day of school before the Christmas holidays.

Fourth and fifth graders were without lights and heat during the morning as firemen tried to track down the cause of the blaze.

"We were lucky," Parks said. "Thirty more minutes and nobody would have been there."

He said the custodians were to go off-duty at about 7 p.m.

## Mrs. Mobley Dies Downstate

Mrs. Marian Grace Mobley, 67, died Wednesday morning at McAllen General Hospital while vacationing in the McAllen area. She resided at 1106 6th Avenue, Canyon, and moved here from Amarillo in 1938.

She was born November 30, 1907 at Dallas and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Canyon, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Murray Bible Class.

She was married to Rhone Mobley at Clovis, N.M. August 19, 1930. Funeral services were held at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Canyon Friday afternoon with Rev. Hubert Thomson, associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens. Pallbearers were Don Baird, J.G. Voelm, Bobby J. Byrd, Jim Cane, Hugh Kelso and Billy J. Bradsher.

Survivors include her husband, Rhone, of the home; two sons, Charles of Amarillo and Curtis of Washington, D.C.; a daughter, Christine Wallen of Little Rock, Ark.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



A fire Thursday was contained in a small custodian's store room at Rex Reeves Elementary School. Damage was heavy to the room, which contained paper and other school equipment. Cause of the fire is believed to have been an electrical short.

## Ward, Lee Are Named To Area Super Team

Two Canyon Eagles have been named to the Panhandle-Plains Super Team as compiled by the Amarillo newspaper.

Jimmy Ward, an all-district pick both ways, and Bob Lee, also an all-district selection, were named to the first team on defense.

Ward was named as defensive rover and Lee was picked as defensive lineman.

Lee has previously been cited as a member of the defensive honorable mention unit for the South Plains super team compiled by the Lubbock newspaper.

Both boys are considered prime all-state prospects.

Ward, a senior who saw action all fall both in the defensive and offensive backfields, won all-district honors on offense and defense in 1973 and 1974.

"He's the best hitting defensive back I've seen in my 17 years," Coach Ron Mills said of Ward. "He has mental toughness, determination and he can hit. He doesn't have a lot of speed but he can sure strike people when he gets to them."

Ward was in on an average of 22 tackles per game during the 1974 season, which saw the Eagles rack up a district championship.

Lee, a 6-2, 260-pound defensive stalwart, made the super team despite a broken fibula which incapacitated him during the last quarter of the last regular game of the season.

The junior played at various slots during the year, filling the line at the tight end spot, the defensive tackle slot and at noseguard.

"The thing about him is that he can whip the man in front of him and take care of everything on either side," Mills said. "He was

double teamed all year. Several coaches I talked to said they tried not to run against him. They'd just run somewhere else."

Lee is expected to return to the Eagle line-up for the 1975 season.

All-state picks are expected to be released after Jan. 1.

## Services Held For City Man

Funeral services for Raymond Leo Fullerton, 66, were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Canyon with Rev. Darold Baldwin of the First Baptist Church of Canyon officiating.

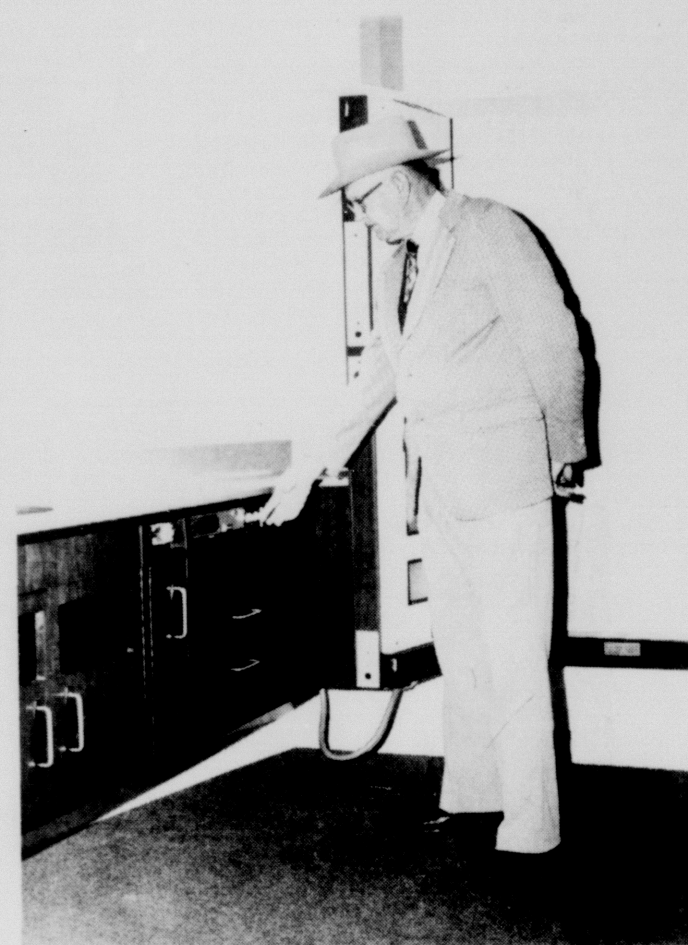
Interment was at Dreamland Cemetery. Pallbearers were George Edmonds, Harry Edmonds, Carol Sims, Carl Sims, Conway Kuykendall and Johnnie Robinson.

Mr. Fullerton had been a resident of Randall County for 50 years. He moved from Happy to Canyon in 1954 and was married to Leatha Russell at Canyon on Sept. 5, 1954. He was born Feb. 5, 1908 at Winters, Texas.

A farmer in the county, Mr. Fullerton was a member of the Happy Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Leatha of the home, 508 9th Avenue; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Love, 2404 7th Avenue; two sons, Curtis Lehnick, 2005 1st Avenue, and Edward Lehnick of Pampa; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Kilgartin of Houston; a brother, W.D. Fullerton of East Barnard, Texas; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Had a party? Or giving one? Tell The Canyon News about it. Telephone 655-7121, or stop by the News office on the south side of the square.



CLARENCE BECKMAN, former county commissioner, has given Canyon's new hospital a complete room of equipment in memory of his late wife and is shown with the installed lighting system and side-station table with controls for the nurses call system, television, telephone. Other movable furnishings had not yet been placed into the new room when this photograph was taken. In addition to the controls section, the bed backbar is complete with a number of sections for lighting as well as oxygen and vacuum outlets for the hospital rooms. Ray Grimes, business manager for the hospital, notes that 27 other rooms in the hospital are being equipped with similar equipment and persons wishing to make memorial gifts of this nature may make arrangements through the hospital, 655-2143.

## Senior Citizens Open To All County's Folks

Randall County Senior Citizens board of directors met Thursday evening to formally retain Mrs. Earl Crump as an office coordinator for senior citizen activities and affairs involving persons 55 and older in Randall County.

The senior citizens group presently includes 118 persons with paid memberships and meets regularly for salad suppers, socials and fellowship at the Canyon Community Center. Membership fees are a nominal \$2 per year.

The coordinator, Mrs. Crump, has been afforded an office on the second floor of the Randall County Courthouse adjacent the County Judge's Office and may be reached at the current phone number of 655-3321, or at her home phone, 655-3968.

Services to be handled by the coordinator include making transportation services available to those elder citizens who no longer drive, or do not

have family assistance locally. Anyone 55 years of age is urged to contact either Mrs. Crump or a member of the citizens group for further information.

"For instance we want to help when someone needs a ride to the doctor's, or to do some special shopping or to attend one of our social meetings," related a spokesman.

Dutch Cleavinger is chairman of the senior citizens board of directors.

At present about 60-80 are regular attendees at the weekly social meetings of the group and this past week the group held their holiday party with carols and a Christmas story read by Linnie Harter.

The Randall County Senior Citizens group has cancelled the regular Thursday meeting of December 26 but will have the weekly covered dish supper on January 2 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited and urged to attend.



Merry Christmas

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Worship - 10:50 a.m.  
Youth Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**Grace Baptist Church**  
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Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service - 7 p.m.  
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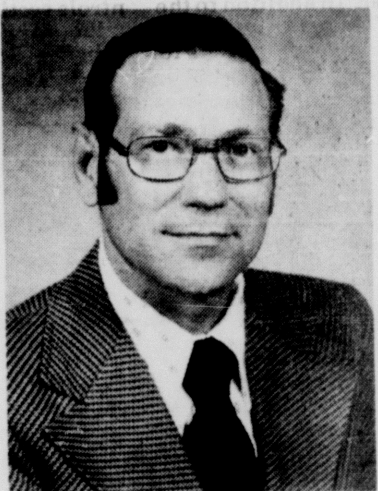
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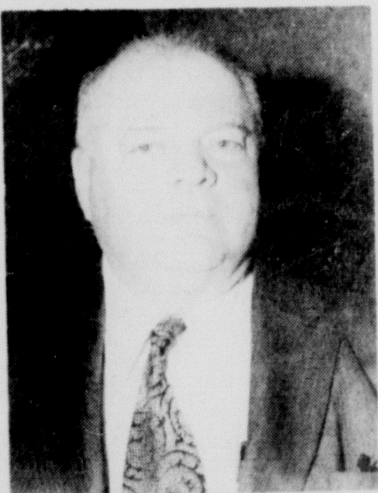
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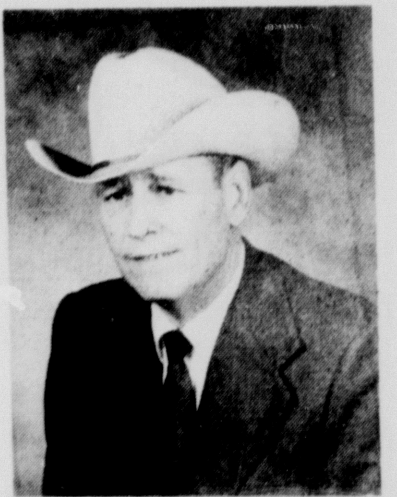
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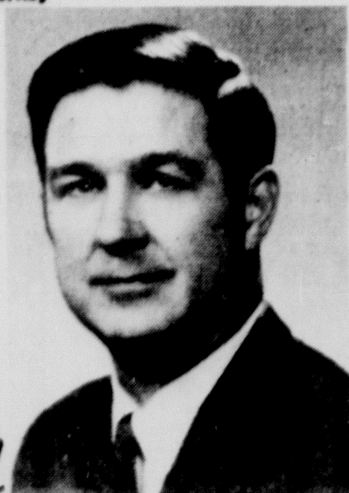
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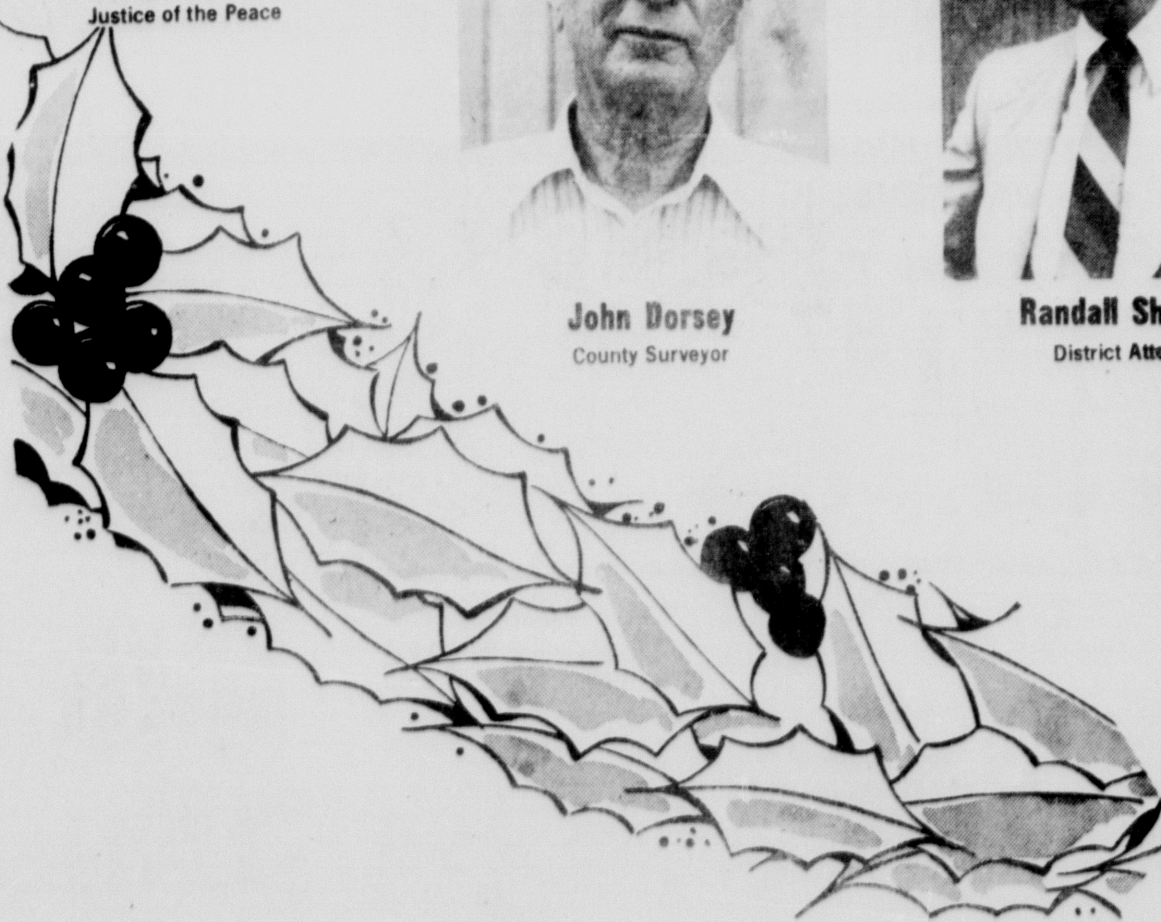
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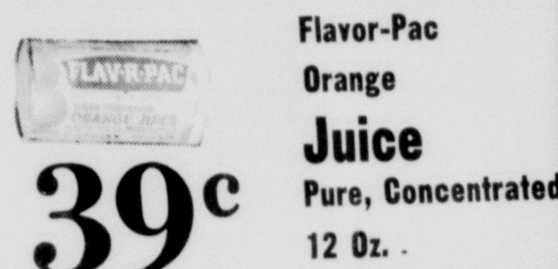


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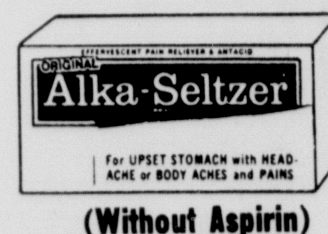
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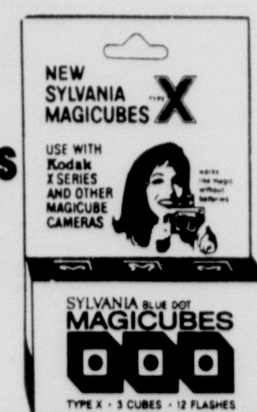


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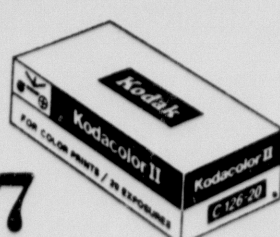
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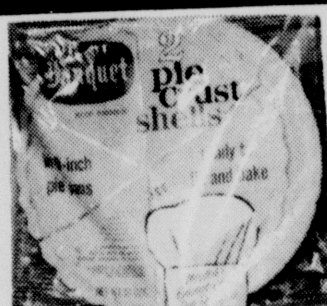
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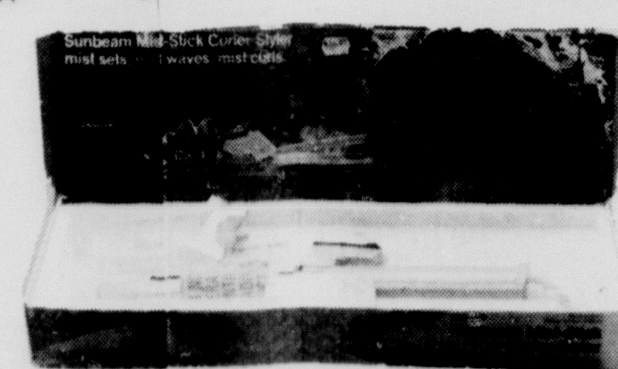


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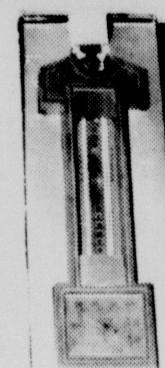


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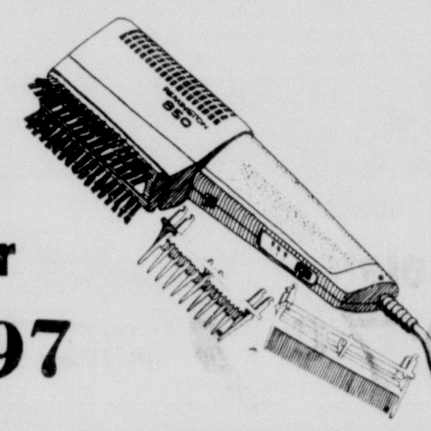
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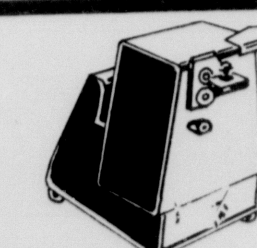


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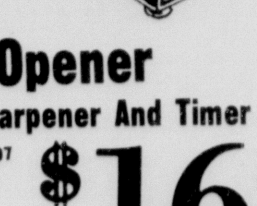
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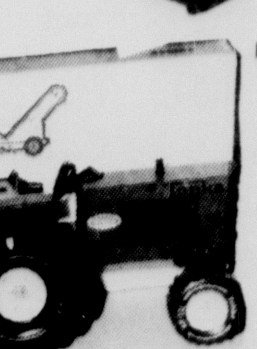
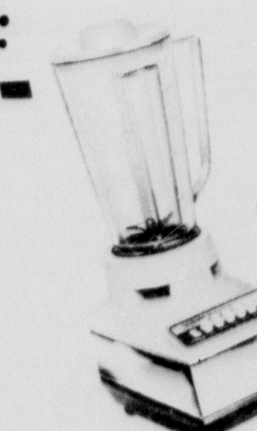
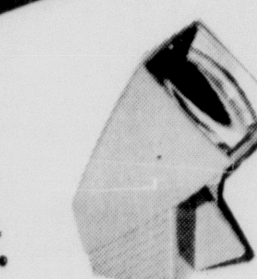
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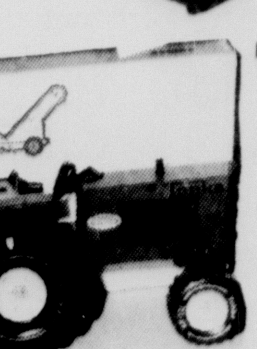
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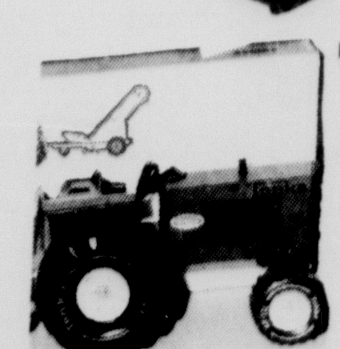
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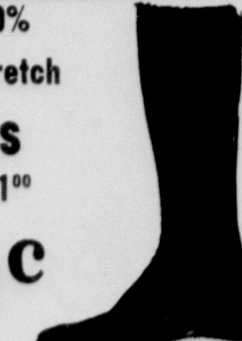
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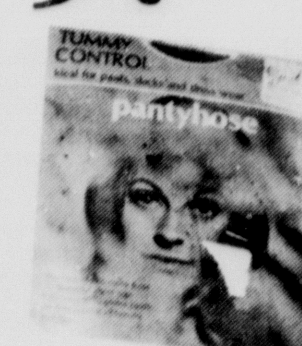
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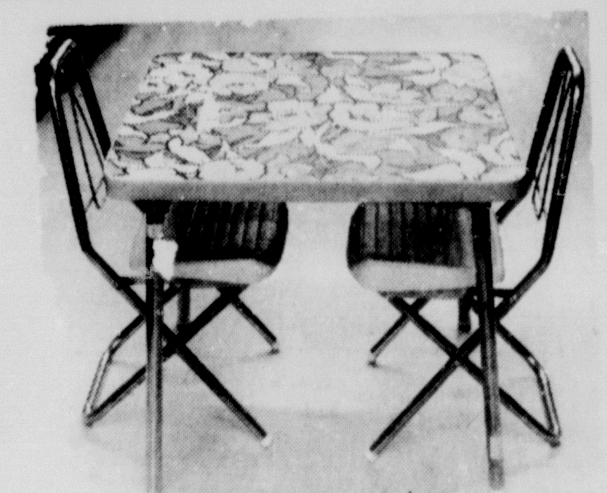


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# Questions Arise At Turkey Cooking Time Due To Seldomness Of Feast

The infrequency with which homemakers cook turkey is one of the basic reasons for the "questions" about turkey thawing and cooking each holiday season.

In a 1964 U.S.D.A. consumer study facts indicated that 76 percent of homemakers use turkeys as the traditional holiday meal but noted that three-fourths of the users of the fowl serve turkey less than four times per year.

This year, turkeys are in abundant supply and are an economical meal for large family gatherings with the current specials being run on the birds of the season. In addition to the turkeys which are marketed as frozen whole birds, consumers may purchase boneless turkey roasts or boneless turkey rolls as popular conveniences for smaller gatherings at any season.

All frozen poultry should be kept solidly frozen until time to thaw and cook. Fresh frozen turkeys may be thawed satisfactorily and safely in either of two ways:

1. In the refrigerator — in original wrapping — on a tray will take from 1-3 days for thawing depending on the size of the bird. Unwrapped and covered lightly, the bird should thaw in 18-48 hours if giblets are removed as soon as possible, wrapped loosely and stored separately.

2. Immersing the moisture-tight package in cold running water small birds will thaw in 3-4 hours while larger birds will require 6-7 hours under cold running water.

Thawing at room temperature is not generally recommended. Birds thawed at room temperature should be cooked completely as soon as thawed, to avoid contamination and bacterial build-up.

Turkeys also may be oven thawed by having the oven preheated for one hour. Place the unwrapped turkey in an oven temperature of 140-150 degrees for best thawing in this manner which is the manner used by commercial establishments. This type thawing is also followed immediately by cooking the bird to complete doneness.

The thawing of the turkey is as important to the tenderness of the turkey as is the method of cooking. The slower the bird is defrosted, the less weight loss occurs in cooking and the turkey will remain juicier.

People often wonder "whether hen turkeys are more tender than the Tom (male) turkey" and according to a bulletin of the Poultry and Egg National Board the "tenderness of a turkey is based primarily on the age of the live bird, and the aging and handling of the meat prior to cooking."

Tenderness of the turkey is influenced by the method of cooking (slow is better), the degrees of dryness (dryness promotes toughness), and to an extent by the nutrition of the turkey (the amount of carcass fat).

A general guide on defrosting a turkey in the refrigerator allows for 1-2 days on a turkey weighing 4-12 pounds, or 2-3 days for a turkey weighing 12-20 pounds, or 3-4 days for a 20-24 pound turkey.

And according to Becky Hall, County Extension Agent, the refrigerator thawing of a large bird at the busy holiday season can oftentimes not be accomplished in the refrigerator.

"Sometimes I set my turkey out to thaw in the garage (still in its wrapping) then move it into the utility room overnight, when my refrigerator will not accommodate that large a bird for the extended period required in thawing," she related. (Of course the room temperature must be kept in check for proper thawing in this manner also — as too cold a night in the garage may

refreeze the bird somewhat.)

And when the bird is thawed other questions arise on the cooking procedures of the bird each season. The Poultry and Egg National Board states that cooking times should be gauged by a meat thermometer to be certain of doneness and birds should be baked to doneness in a slow oven, 325 degrees, with the bulb of the meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the turkey muscle (usually the thigh or breast). Care should be taken in placing the bulb of the thermometer so that it is not in contact with the bone and the roasted bird should be cooked until the temperature reads 180-185 degrees internally for an unstuffed bird, or 165 degrees if the thermometer is placed into the dressing of a stuffed bird. The boneless raw turkey roll or roast should be cooked to an internal temperature of 170-175 degrees.

One of the most confusing recommendations on turkey cooking is the consideration of the following points:

1. Is the oven preheated or cold?
2. Is the turkey at room temperature (70-75 degrees), at a refrigerated temperature (35-45 degrees), or still partially frozen (below 32 degrees)?
3. Is the oven temperature regulator correct? (Many are off up to 20 degrees.)
4. Are the recipe directions being used for a stuffed or unstuffed turkey. (The turkey when filled with dressing for baking will require about an hour longer to be cooked.)

At the recommended 325

degree Fahrenheit the 8-12 pound turkey should be ready in 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours; while the 12-16 pound turkey will require from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 hours; and the 16-20 pound turkey will require up to 6 1/2 hours. Remember the temperature gauge requirements for doneness however and do not trust the chart method completely (however it is a good basis to plan timing of the family dinner).

Remember too that it matters whether the turkey is being cooked covered or uncovered in the oven (covered turkeys will cook faster). The current policy for roasting turkey is with the breast up and occasional basting will result in a more pleasing appearance with golden brown juicy meat.

Dressing is a traditional accompaniment for the turkey dinner and the unstuffed bird will take less time in preparation, cooking, carving and serving. Baking the turkey separately also minimizes the possibility of food poisoning due to partially cooked dressing.

The dressing itself can be baked separately, in the last hour.

As for the left-over dressing, it is recommended that all dressing be removed and covered or wrapped for refrigerating. Dressing should be used within two-to-three days unless freezer wrapped and stored in the freezer. It is best to place the gravy and juices in separate containers for freezing and should not be kept for too long even in the freezer.

Traditional accompaniment for the turkey and dressing is a slice of cranberry sauce, or a dip of fresh cranberry relish and with these notes we hope that your holiday turkey is a fabulous feast.

## Seminar Set For Teachers

A seminar to aid teachers in instructing multi-cultural students will be offered by West Texas State University Monday nights beginning Jan. 20 at the PESO Education Service Center in Amarillo.

"Today's classroom presents multiple opportunities and challenges as students and teachers from myriad backgrounds come together," says Dr. Jack Nance, course instructor. "This course is designed to provide time, resources and information to teachers who want to develop strategies and materials for use in their classrooms to make school more pleasant and meaningful by including content based on the backgrounds and needs of all students."

Areas included in this course are systematic planning, alternative teaching techniques, resources for intercultural education, communication skills, cultural awareness, production of units and visuals for classroom use, value clarification skills and problems of minorities.

The first 25 students will be granted a \$50 stipend to cover tuition and fees. Participants will also receive a small amount for materials purchase.

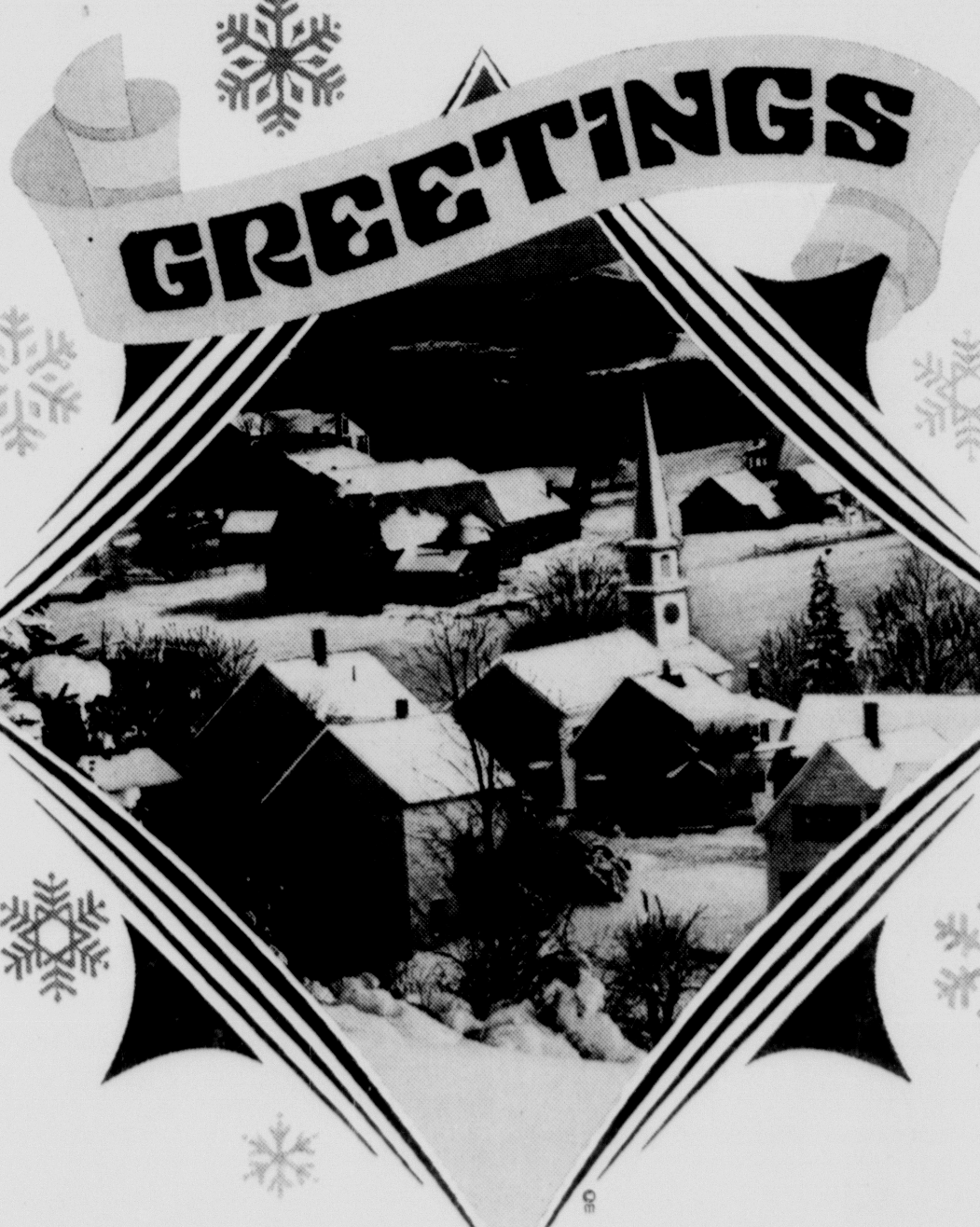
Those interested should send either a letter of intent to Dr. Jack Nance, Dept. of Secondary and Higher Education, WTSU, Canyon, Texas 79016, or telephone 656-2036.

Registration at West Texas State University will be Jan. 17-18 according to the prescribed schedule. Contact the dean of admissions and registrar at WTSU, or phone 656-3331 for more information.

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Tharan Hathaway, left, Ivan McClain

## Pork Chops. . . That's Great Mom

As Christmas dinner is stewing on the top burners and the turkey is browning in the oven and Moms, Grandmas and Aunts are putting the last minute touches on the holiday feast the little ones will be remembering what "Santa and his elves" have made for their holiday joy rather than what was on the menu.

When confronted with the question — what do you want on your Christmas menu — the youthful students at the Gingerbread House day care center, 605 4th Avenue, had many ideas to share with their teachers, Duffy Rice and Martha Lumkins.

The little ones, in their beguiling way, said that Christmas dinner should consist of the following menu "cherry pie — apple pie — corn on the cob — fried chicken — mashed potatoes and gravy — strawberry pie — lemon pie and pork chops."

As an added note, several requested their holiday menu, to include "cupcakes — chocolate cake with pink candles — five pancakes — two pieces of cinnamon toast and a few cups of water or milk."

One bright young thing thought that the perfect apple pie recipe should include "200 pounds of apples and Crisco in the oven which turns into crust."

And so with the little ones' ideas fully in mind we hope that the traditional holiday feast at your house is remembered as a "Merry Christmas" for young and old alike.



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## Miss Carlile Marries Smith In Double Ring Ceremonies

The First Christian Church in Amarillo was the scene of the wedding of Miss Carol Dawn Carlile and Richard Warren Smith on Friday evening, December 20.

Miss Carlile is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carlile, 2504 Oak Drive in Amarillo. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Gladys Wright, 3124 Palm and Mr. Robert Smith of Plainview.

The double ring, candlelit ceremonies were performed by Rev. Charles Jones. Organ selections were presented by Mrs. David Wilson with Miss Jan Koesjan as soloist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected a formal

gown of white organza and fitted bodice. The Victorian neckline and yoke were of English net enhanced by Venice lace in a floral scalloped design. The long fitted sleeves were of sheer organza extending to lace points above the wrist. Appliques of lace in a floral motif pattern enhanced the bodice of the gown. Her A-line skirt was styled with inserts of scalloped organza edged with lace in a flower design. Appliques of lace in a flower and motif pattern, centered each insert. The gown was swept to back fullness and cascaded into a full chapel length wedding train.

She wore a matching Camelot

cap of Venice lace with a double tiered veil of illusion. One illusion tier cascaded to elbow length and was edged in matching Venice lace and the second tier of veiling fell to a chapel length over the wedding train with a wide border of floral Venice lace. The bride carried a white Bible topped with the bridal bouquet featuring white orchids that tapered to the floor.

Dressed in black tuxedos and serving the bridegroom were Steven Smith, brother of the bridegroom, as best man; and groomsmen and ushers were Ernest Wright, Ken Carlile, brother of the bride, Doug Lightfoot, Philip Ward, Jimmy Roberts, Danny Stone and Greg Sellmyer.

Miss Kimberly Carlile, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Miss Donna Duck, Miss Kim Ashton, Miss Lynda Vallance, Mrs. Rocky Tyler and Miss Deen Foster, cousin of the bride. They each wore Christmas red velvet dresses piped with red satin and featuring Victorian yokes and necklines trimmed with white Venice lace. They wore matching red picture hats and carried large white fur muffs.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Carlile chose a long green knit coatdress accented with yellow orchids. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Wright, selected a long beige shantung dress trimmed in brown with a white orchid corsage.

Serving in the reception houseparty were Miss Regina Stone, Miss Kathy Misfield, Miss Pat Mobley and Mrs. Danny Stone.

Miss Carlile attended Amarillo College and is employed with Mason & Hanger Silas Mason at Pantex in Amarillo.

A former student of West Texas State University, the bridegroom is presently serving with the United States Navy at San Diego, California. After early June, the couple will establish their home in Amarillo.



Mrs. Rick D. Gordon

nee Susan Grace Simpson

## Miss Simpson-Gordon Marry In Double Ring Ceremonies

The doubling marriage vows for Miss Susan Grace Simpson and Rick D. Gordon were read by Dr. J. Walter Browers in ceremonies at Polk Street Methodist Church of Amarillo Saturday afternoon, December 21.

The bride is the daughter of Wm. Earl and Mildred Simpson of 2325 Hawthorne, Amarillo and Mrs. Dawn Gordon of 1013 S. Fannin is the mother of the bridegroom.

Larry Jones, soloist, presented a selection of contemporary love songs. Traditional wedding selections were presented at the

organ by Mrs. Carl V. Simpson, aunt of the bride, and Maria McGill presented guitar accompaniment.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Donnie Lance of Midland, served as matron of honor and was attired in an avocado green gown of satin with lace trim featuring a fitted bodice with full skirt.

Miss Julia Taylor served as bridesmaid and was attired in a gown similar to the matron of honor.

Richard (Rick) W. Rowell served as best man and Jeffrey Scott Gordon served as the groomsmen. Ushering were Rick

Wyatt and Paul Sneed.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of ivory satin styled with a basque waist and tulle yoke trimmed with seed pearls. The full skirt was swept into a graceful wedding train and the finger-tip length veil featured multiple tiers of tulle. The veil was held to a headpiece made of Venetian lace with pearl trim.

A wedding reception for the couple was held in the parlor of the church with Mrs. Eric Swenson of Spur, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Wallace Pray as reception hostesses. Miss Terri Ewing presided at the guest register. Serving cake and punch were Miss Lisa Brown and Miss Colleen White.

After the reception, the bride changed to a green suit with black accessories for the wedding trip where the couple planned to visit points in New Mexico and Colorado.

After Christmas, the couple will be making their home at 2216 A Tyler in Amarillo.

The bride is a 1973 graduate of Amarillo High School and studied at Amarillo College for one year where she was a member of Kappa Delta Chi social sorority. She was a fall semester student at West Texas State University.

A 1972 graduate of Amarillo High School, the bridegroom is presently attending Amarillo College and represents Western Specialty Advertising Company.

## Carthel-George Vows Said

Miss Darla Gae Carthel and Ronald Lee George were united in marriage Saturday evening, December 21, at the Central Christian Church of Amarillo with Rev. Jack Cox officiating.

The double ring marriage was read before an altar decorated with white gladioli and carnations and traditional wedding music was presented by Rick Grey, soloist, with Lydia Grey accompanying at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carthel of Rt. 2, Box 60-K, Amarillo are parents of the bride and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. George of 3414 Nebraska, Amarillo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white crepe floor length wedding gown embellished with white lace and featuring a lace chapel train. The empire bodice was overlaid with brocade lace and featured long sleeves of lace with a matching ruffle at the wrist.

Teresa Davis served as the maid of honor wearing a blue dress with white carnation corsage. The bridesmaid, Connie Dorsey, wore a matching blue dress for the occasion and the flowergirl, Christi Carthel, was gowned in a baby blue dress with accented white carnations.

Carl George served as the best man and Keith Singleton was groomsmen. Michael Rud carried a white satin pillow with accented streamers as the ringbearer in the ceremony.

Sharing ushering duties were

Richie Dorsey and Bob Mouser. The ceremony was followed with a reception in fellowship hall of the church where decorations featured blue and white with a gardenia centerpiece on the serving table.



Mrs. Ronald Lee George

nee Darla Gae Carthel

## Miss Applewhite Marries Arnold In Nuptials At Cotton Center



Mrs. Morris Allan Arnold

nee Sheila Gay Applewhite

The double ring marriage of Miss Sheila Gay Applewhite and Morris Allan Arnold was confirmed in evening ceremonies at the First Baptist Church in Cotton Center, Texas on Friday evening, Dec. 20.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Applewhite of Cotton Center where she graduated from high school in 1973. She is presently studying at West Texas State University in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Arnold of Idalou are parents of the bridegroom who makes his home in Canyon while attending the Police Academy in Amarillo and serving as a security officer on the campus of West Texas State University. He graduated from Idalou High School in 1972 and formerly attended West Texas State University.

Triple archways covered with greenery framed the center isle of the church with candles attached to each side of the arch. The altar was flanked with candles and greenery for the wedding as Mrs. Ralph McFerrin played the organ and Mrs. Kenneth Burnett was soloist. Pre-nuptial selections included *Sunrise, Sunset, All My Love, The Twelfth of Never, Love Is The Sweetest Thing, My Own True Love and If*. Solo presentations included *Wedding Song, Al De La and Wedding Prayer* and the processional march was *Come With Rejoicing* by R.S. Morrison with *Festival March* by Chester H. Beebe as the recessional selection.

Escorted and presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of ivory satin covered with silk organza in a matching color. The wedding gown was fashioned with an inset of alencon roses and beads on the bodice and long sleeves. Wide cuffs completed the sleeves with self-covered buttons. The full wedding train was attached at the waist and her waist-length wedding veil was held to a headpiece covered with tiny beading.

Mrs. Sharla Watson, maid of honor, and Miss Marjorie Mills, bridesmaid, wore chateau-style gowns of turquoise with romance blue velvet jackets. Their gowns featured empire waists, high duchess necklines and graceful A-line skirts. The jackets were fitted with V-back necklines, long fitted sleeves with matching trim from their dresses.

The bridegroom's brother, Kenneth Arnold, served as best man and Gary Cocconougher was groomsmen. Candelighter was Max Applewhite.

Ushering were Marc and Morris Applewhite, brothers of the bride, Keith Arnold, brother of the groom, and Larry Lindsey.

After a wedding reception in fellowship hall of the church, the newlyweds departed on a wedding trip to points in New Mexico. They will be establishing their residence at 2614 6th Avenue in Canyon.



Mrs. Charles Brown

nee Diane Harp

## Wedding Performed At Paramount Baptist

Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo was the setting for the double ring marriage vows of Miss Diane Harp and Charles Brown which were read Saturday evening, December 21, by Rev. C. N. Rue.

Garlands of evergreen and holiday wreaths draped the choir rail with baskets of poinsettias flanking the altar for the holiday wedding. The altar setting was framed with candelabrum with an arch accented with holly, red bows and red candles.

The wedding song was sung by Jack Carter with guitar accompaniment by Bill Pair as the marriage ceremony was performed. Candelighters, Dena and Duane Harp, sister and brother of the bride, and Dwight Folkner wore red shirts with flowered bodices.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill E. Harp, Rt.

OEA Party Held

The OEA members had their Christmas party Dec. 12th at the home of Brenda Glenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Glenn.

Mrs. Glenn had their home decorated in the Christmas season, and it was enjoyed by all that were present.

The OEA members invited dates and friends to the party. There were 24 OEA members and friends present.

OEA members and their friends and dates enjoyed the evening while eating all sorts of holiday goodies the members had made, and afterwards they played games before leaving.

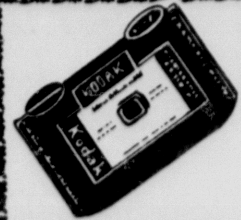
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Sugar Price Squeeze Calls For Syrup-Molasses Based Recipes Of Old

Sugar prices are climbing — and the pounds that come from sugar filled Christmas candies and other goodies will also be climbing during the holiday season for those families where Mom has spent the extra funds for purchasing sugar.

With many people requesting information of sugar substitutes and syrup exchange in current recipes coming into the office of Mrs. Becky Hall, county extension agent, it is timely to note that a majority of recipes do not give adequate substitution information on the subject.

Mrs. Hall stated that artificial sweeteners have on their packages all the available information for substitution of such sweeteners in replacement of sugar, and each brand varies.

"During wartime sugar shortages," related Mrs. Hall, "there were a lot of recipes around for making sweet confections with syrup, and our current home economists' information suggests that sugar should never be cut from recipes by any more than 1/2 as it will change the balance of the recipe."

"The substitution half for sugar requires 2/3 cup of syrup in replacement for each 1/2 cup of sugar deleted from the original recipe. (Delete about 3 Tbsp. liquid from the original recipe when making a syrup for sugar substitution on the basis of switch as described here).

"Many homemakers can't quite believe this about the syrup-sugar substitution but the reason is that syrup is already heavier than sugar when it is placed into the mixture," she stated.

"Recipes which call for syrups have already been worked out with this fact in mind and can be used satisfactorily," she concluded.

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Select special cookie cutters, a good recipe, colored sugar, frosting and tiny candies for decorations and you have the makings of a fun filled day for the children. Even the littlest ones can help with the decorating. Let them brush light corn syrup onto the baked cookies, then sprinkle the cookie with colored sugar. For cookies to hang on the tree, make a hole, before baking, using a plastic straw.

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**CRISPY SPICE COOKIES**  
3 cups unsifted flour  
2 tsp. ground ginger  
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. ground cloves  
1 cup margarine  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup Karo dark corn syrup  
Stir together flour, ginger, cinnamon and cloves. Mix margarine and sugar; stir in corn syrup. Gradually add flour mixture, mixing until well blended. Roll dough on floured surface to about 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in 350° F. oven about 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on rack. Decorate. Makes about 8 dozen cookies.

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**GINGERBREAD**  
1/2 cup boiling water  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup light molasses  
1 well beaten egg  
1 1/2 cups flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. soda  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
Pour water over shortening, add sugar, molasses and egg; beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients and beat until smooth. Bake in greased and floured 8 inch square pan in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 35 minutes. Cool in pan.

**BANANA-GINGER SHORTCAKE**  
Bake Gingerbread recipe preceding in two pans (so it will be thinner) and put the layers together with a Banana Filling consisting of 1 cup heavy cream beaten with one egg white until fluffy and seasoned with 2 Tbsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. ginger and 2 sliced bananas.

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**GINGER COOKIES**  
(for gingerbread men)  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup light molasses  
1/2 Tbsp. vinegar  
1 beaten egg  
3 cups flour  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. soda  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
Bring shortening, sugar, molasses and vinegar to boiling. Cool and add egg. Add the sifted dry ingredients and mix well. Chill. Roll on lightly floured surface and cut into desired shape. Bake on greased cookie sheet.

(See SUGAR, Page 13)

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Sugar. . .

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sheet in moderate oven (375 degrees) for 12-15 minutes. Will make 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

3 cups sugar  
1/2 cup white Karo  
1/2 cup evaporated milk  
Mix and cook in heavy saucepan to softball stage and add:

1 cup peanut butter  
1 tsp. vanilla  
Let stand until cool. Beat until cream and pour into buttered pan, cut in squares.

JELLY ROLL CAKE

4 egg yolks  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
4 egg whites  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup flour  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking powder  
Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually beat in 1/4 cup sugar and the vanilla. Beat egg whites until almost stiff, gradually add remaining 1/2 cup sugar and beat until very stiff. Fold the yolks into whites, then add sifted dry ingredients folding in carefully.

Bake in a wax paper lined 10 1/2 x 15 inch jellyroll pan in moderate oven (375 degrees) for 12 minutes.

Loosen sides and turn out onto towel sprinkled with confectioners sugar. Remove the waxed paper and trim crusts. Roll quickly with fresh sheet of waxed paper on inside of roll then wrap in a sugared towel and allow to cool thoroughly.

Unroll the roll slowly, remove paper and spread with favorite jelly, jam or filling. Reroll log with jelly inside and then either sprinkle generously with powdered sugar or frost with favorite frosting before serving.

SPICED CANDY ROLL

1/2 pound shelled Brazil nuts  
1 jar (8 oz.) maraschino cherries, drained  
3 cups graham cracker crumbs

1/2 pound marshmallows  
1 Tbsp. grated orange rind  
1/3 cup orange juice  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. cloves  
1/2 tsp. allspice  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
Put nuts in a bowl (reserve 1/4 cup for later use). Add the dates, cherries and graham-cracker crumbs.

Melt the marshmallows with orange rind and juice and spices in top of double boiler. Stir occasionally, then add to fruit-nut mixture and blend thoroughly. Shape into two rolls about 9 inches long. Wrap in waxed paper and chill for 6-8 hours. Roll in remaining chopped Brazil nuts and cut into 1/4 inch slices to serve.

JAM CAKE

1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1 cup sugar  
3 eggs  
2/3 cup sour milk  
1 tsp. soda, dissolved in Tbs. warm water  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. each cinnamon, cloves and allspice  
1 cup plum jam  
1 cup pecans  
1 cup raisins  
3 cups flour  
Cream butter and sugar, add the well beaten yolks. Then add flour and milk alternately and fold in whites of eggs.  
Stir in jam and add pecans and raisins, that have been dredged

with flour.  
Bake in layers at 350 degrees. Then put layers together with a jam filling and frost with icing of your choice.

OATMEAL LACE WAFERS

1/2 cup margarine  
1/2 cup dark corn syrup  
1/3 cup sifted flour  
1/2 cup quick oats  
Grease and flour cookie sheets. Melt margarine in small saucepan over low heat. Remove from heat. Stir in corn syrup, then flour. Stir until smooth. Stir in oats. Drop batter by rounded quarter-teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheets, 2 inches apart. Bake in 350°F. oven 5 to 6 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 1/2 minute. Quickly remove to wire

rack. Cool. Store in tightly covered container. Makes about 7 dozen.

NO-BAKE

PEANUT BUTTER DROPS

1 cup crunch-style peanut butter  
3-1/3 cups miniature marshmallows  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
2 Tbsp. milk  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 1/2 cups quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked  
Melt peanut butter, marshmallows and butter over low heat (may use double boiler); stir until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in remaining ingredients, mixing thoroughly. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie

sheets. Immediately top each piece with a peanut. Remove from cookie sheets when set. Store at room temperature. Makes about 3 dozen.

TOP HAT COOKIES

1/2 cup butter or margarine, soft  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 egg  
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked  
12 large marshmallows, cut in half  
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### Sugar. . .

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Heat oven to moderate (375°F.). Beat together butter, sugars, vanilla, salt and egg until thoroughly blended. Add flour; mix until well blended. Stir in oats. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Flatten with spatula. Bake in preheated oven (375°F.) 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven; place chocolate piece and half of marshmallow on top of each cookie. Return to oven and bake additional 3 minutes. Makes about 2 dozen.

### MAPLE SYRUP COOKIES

1/2 cup shortening, soft  
1/2 cup maple-blended syrup  
1 egg  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1/2 tsp. almond extract  
1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 cups quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to moderate (375°F.). Beat shortening until fluffy; gradually add maple-blended syrup, beating well. Blend in egg until light; add vanilla and almond extract. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder; add to creamed mixture. Stir in oats and nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven (375°F.) 12 to 15 minutes. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen.

### HONEY-NUT OATMEAL DROPS

1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
1 egg

1 tsp. vanilla  
1 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. soda  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/3 cup milk  
1 1/4 cups quick or old fashioned oats, uncooked  
1 cup chopped nuts

Heat oven to moderate (350°F.). Beat butter until fluffy. Gradually add brown sugar. Beat in honey, egg and vanilla. Sift together flour, soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Stir in oats and nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto lightly greased cookie sheets. Bake in preheated oven (350°F.) 8 to 10 minutes.

### Gifts Exchanged By Bridge Club At Holiday Meet

Gifts were exchanged from underneath the beautifully decorated Christmas tree at the Milton Morris home on Wednesday afternoon by members of the 1925 Bridge Club.

Holiday refreshments carrying out the Christmas theme were served for the meeting to Mesdames Virginia Allen, J. D. Barker, Hershell Coffey, J. M. Daugherty, Roscoe Davis, Glenn Dowlen, Joe Gibson, Tom Knighton, Iverson Leake, A. H. Prichard, Jewell Hill and Lonnie Byars by the hostess, Mrs. Morris.

### MAGIC OF MAGI

Believed to have occult powers, the Wise Men were called Magi, the root of our words magic and magician. Magi were held to be magicians or soothsayers. They were also ancient priests who travelled far away to many lands in order to establish a following.



WARM WINTER MITTENS decorated a holiday tree at Canyon Junior High School during the season with the mittens to be given to a mission project in Reynosa, Mexico and to local children's homes through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for Girls. Members of the sponsoring group, from left, standing, are Sam Olson, Glenda Williams and Gina Luquette, and kneeling, Beth Wanamaker, left, and Jana Umberson.

### Bufs' Football Said Success

To term the 1974 football season at West Texas State anything less than a rousing success would be an understatement.

Coach Gene Mayfield's men turned around a disastrous 2-9 record in 1973 to a respectable 6-5 this time around, the first winning season for the Bufs since 1970 and the first for Mayfield as WT's head coach.

Picked for last in the Missouri Valley Conference in most pre-season polls, the Maroon finished with a 3-3 worksheet in league play. That was good enough for third place, just one-half game out of second. In fact, the Bufs were only a total of five points away from tying for their second MVC championship. A 17-14 loss to champion Tulsa and the season-ending 10-8 loss to Louisville in a snowstorm dulled that effort.

The biggest reason for the turnaround was the improvement of the young defensive unit. The Bufs had the best scoring defense in the league, giving up an average of only 13.5

points per game. In 1973, the WT defense ranked last in that department with an average of 28.2 points allowed.

The return of the wishbone offense boosted the offense. WT averaged 215.6 yards per game on the ground as junior Johnny Darden led the way with 581 yards on 148 carries. Halfbacks Eddie Richardson and Richard Riggins supported with 479 and 218-yard totals.

Transfer Tully Blanchard won the quarterback job in the pre-season drills, and the San Antonio native was one of the most respected passers in the league. Blanchard completed only 37 percent of his passes (42 of 113), but he threw eight touchdowns, the second best total in the league. Reserve Mike Wartes completed only five passes, but three of his went for scores.

Two of the best receivers in the league were the Maroon. Split end Tracy Dickson was the top

### Exec. Session To Continue For Commission

Randall County commissioners will continue their closed door sessions on salary adjustments for 1975 for county employees during their regular meeting Monday.

Commissioners began their executive sessions Friday morning and continued into the afternoon behind closed doors.

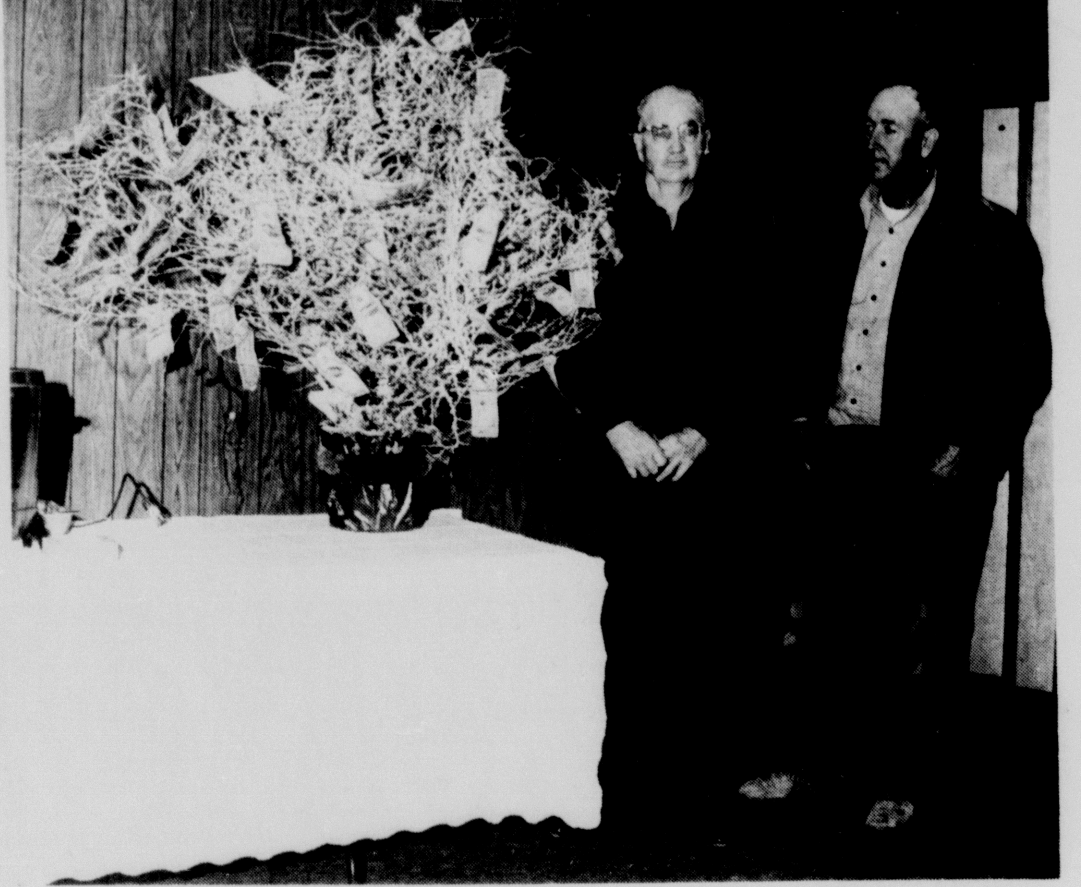
They did not meet with county elected officials about salary adjustments for specific personnel.

Other business scheduled for the Monday meeting includes lease agreements for new computer terminals for the county tax office.

Commissioners will also review a contract with the City of Amarillo for continued joint operations. The contract provides that the city will supply the tax office with listings of new properties within the city limits. Cost to the county is \$13,000.

Tom Beard, a representative of the Canyon Senior Citizens Association, will appear before commissioners to seek assistance for the group.

Paul Ferguson, manager of Buffalo Lake, will present the annual federal check to the county from the area.



W. A. (BOB) LOVEN was honored by co-workers of the City of Canyon at the group's annual Christmas party Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Loven, who is retiring for health reasons, was presented with a traditional West Texas Christmas Tumbler.

blew accented with miniature lights and adorned with U.S. currency. Mr. Loven had been with the department of street and sanitation of the city for 15 years and was presented with the 'money tree' by Archie Dean Davis.

### GREETINGS

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receiver with 22 catches for 589 yards (a 26.8 yard average) and five TDs, and tight end Merced Solis was right behind with 20 receptions for 288 yards and five scores.

All the Bufs individual talent was recognized by the league coaches. Seven West Texas State players were named to the all-MVC team. Solis, Dickson, center Alton Cranford, and tackle Jeff Lloyd made the grade on offense, and tackle Floyd Jones, linebacker Bruce Davis, and cornerback Rick Mordecai were selected on defense.

Only Tulsa had more players on the team than WT.

Optimistically for the future, most of the stars of the 1974 team return next year. Mayfield and his staff will have to replace only four starters on offense and four on defense.

It could really be a Maroon year in 1975.



The "grateful farmer" put the office personnel at the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Services offices in a happy mood this week as a surprise holiday bouquet of large chrysanthemums, accented with pine cones and holly berries arrived. Office group from left, are Peggy Tucker, Randy Whitson, Marie Miller, Ann Walsh and Denise Bailey.

### Divorces

\*Julie Raie Rodriguez and Juan Antonio Rodriguez  
\*Patricia Fillpot Hooper and Jackie Joe Hooper  
\*Sandra Olonia and Floyd Ronald Olonia  
\*Deborah Lynnette DeWald and Erwin Albert DeWald  
\*David Charles Miles and Dorothy Ann Miles  
\*Joe Bob Williams and Zelma Jean Williams  
\*Annette Sanford Nichols and Billy Wayne Nichols  
\*Byron Burke Stiles, Jr. and Eliz. Ward Stiles  
\*Mary Alice Bixler and Albert Joe Bixler  
\*Louise Ann Howard and Thomas Leo Howard  
\*Shirley A. Willie and Kenneth Dwaine Willie  
\*James Edward Wilson and Anita Fay Wilson  
\*Wanda Fay Slocum and Thomas Wayne Slocum  
\*Billy Bailey Henderson and Joy Lynn Henderson  
\*Weldon Powell and Betty Lou Powell  
\*Thane Tyrone Salter and Delores Ann Salter  
\*Dava Lynn Stradford and Robert Benson Stradford  
\*Sue Ann Sanders and Frank Scott Sanders  
\*Deborah Jean Forrester and James Dewey Forrester  
\*Judy Carol Hale and John Terry Hale  
\*Harold Fickling and Barbara Fickling  
\*Alonzo Clayton Hand and Marjorie Darlene Hand  
\*Lisa Barnes and Terry C. Barnes  
\*Mary Louise Howard and Frederick Jordan Howard  
\*Donna Gail King and Larry Ewing King  
\*Jane Ann Davis and Earl D. Davis  
\*Charles Jarrell Tyson and Amelia Sarrett Tyson  
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\*Lawrence E. Taylor and Patricia Ann Taylor  
\*Betty Bockelman and Lawrence O. Bockelman  
\*E.L. Carmody and Alice Carmody  
\*Shirley Ann Hammonds and Michael J. Hammonds  
\*Harriet Ellen Merrick and James Edwin Merrick  
\*Ronni Lynn Buck and Gregory Loyd Buck  
\*Bobby Ray Cates and LaWanda McNeil Cates  
\*Norma Lynne Sumner and Dale Millard Sumner  
\*Kelly Darrell Zepp and Barbara Gail Zepp  
\*Pamela Gross Abel and David Lynn Abel  
\*Howard Putts and Phyllis Putts  
\*Vickie Lynn Wakefield and Rock D'Armond Wakefield

### Christmas Is — City Man Tells

Christmas Is —

- the time of year when you dig out that \$150 set of outdoor lights you bought last year, only to discover they've discontinued the bulbs.
- the time of year that you don't think about dieting all January because of the 15 pounds you're gaining in December.
- a time of anxiety — wondering if Santa really is going to come or not.
- wondering how you are going to get back the \$750 you lost when your son got married.
- the time you have to see all those relatives at Grandmother's, when you haven't seen them in 12 months, and wouldn't want to in 36.
- the time of year that you hide all your panty hose — all kids know that hose hold five times more than regular stockings.
- the time of year when Mattel, Tonka, Marx, Hasbro, Parker Bros., Milton Bradley, and American Motors get rich.
- the time you hire like mad for — and fire the same way the 26th.
- the time when you'd rather give money, than hit 25 shops trying to find a meaningful present; but you don't.
- the time to think about snow tires, chains, \$8 antifreeze, defogger, Dec. 23 department store rushes, and Junior pulling Santa's beard off — again!
- the time of year when you really do stay up till 6:00 in the morning doing good deeds — and then up again at 7:00 amid screaming ecstatic children.
- the time of year when you get ambitious and go and chop your own tree — then you lay up a week with poison ivy and acute pneumonia.
- the time of year when you rummage around in your closets to find last year's cologne, ties, and gloves, to give as presents this year to the same people that gave them to you last year.
- the time of year when you walk through the living room and step on broken decorations, half chewed gum, sticky candy canes, spruce needles, pieces of fruit cake, and sharp new silver jacks, all over the floor.
- the time for Excedrin!
- also the time for love, and you give, not because you have to, but because you want to, and that makes it all worthwhile.

— Doyle Carver

### Friendship Club Has Party

Holiday party for the Friendship Sewing Club was held Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Clarence Winters, Rt. 2, Amarillo.

The hostess had made favors of white felt gloves accented with green bows and red berries for each member of the club which were presented during the afternoon gathering.

Members answered roll call with "my favorite holiday carol" and after a brief business session had an exchange of gifts, sang holiday carols and revealed their '74 secret pals and drew secret pal names for the coming year.

Cookies, candies and koolaid were collected at the meeting for distribution to the Amarillo

Speech and Hearing Center. Gifts for the center have been a continuing project for the clubwomen at their meetings throughout the year.

Guests at the holiday meeting were Mrs. Fred Winters, Mrs. Bob Winters and children, Bobby and Brian Winters.

Club members present were Mesdames Herrick Simon, Virgil Knight, Nell Sheets, Charlie Winters, Frank Simon, L. E. Hermesmyer, Leonard Winters, Joe Turpin, O. E. Sherer and the hostess, Mrs. Clarence Winters.

Next meeting for the club will be January 16 at the home of Mrs. L. E. Hermesmyer, 3316 Lewis Lane, Amarillo.

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THE THIRD GRADE CLASS OF Mrs. Hooser poses with their bulletin story of Christmas as the halls and classrooms of the elementary school are decorated for the holiday season.

## City Schools Eye Changes

A wide array of changes in programs, material and just about everything else have been formulated by Canyon school officials for implementation this year based on recommendations following two key self-evaluation processes.

The programs were presented recently to Canyon school board members by Supt. Jerry Jacobs, who noted that some of the changes have already been implemented and others will require substantial funding.

No major changes are called for in the implementation schedule listing which was compiled from a self-evaluation of the Canyon school system by local school officials themselves and from an outside evaluation undertaken by two score educators from throughout the state who visited the local district last spring.

"This is a procedure we feel is vitally important as a follow-up of our self-evaluation study," Jacobs said recently.

He said it would be unprofessional and wrong to receive input from the self-evaluation and the visiting team's report without seriously trying to implement suggested changes in the schools here.

He said he hopes the schools can begin implementing the programs this school year, but many will carry over into other years particularly those requiring funding.

Some of the recommendations and the schools to which they are directed:

**—Rex Reeves Elementary—**  
"Re-emphasize social studies and science in the first three grades in order to concentrate on basic skills."

"Provisions should be made for the child-oriented classrooms."

"Teachers should do more grouping in their classrooms."

"A file of resource people suited to speaking in elementary classrooms should be compiled."

"In some classrooms, furniture is needed, particularly furniture

which fits the children.

"An increase in the library budget is needed to meet the needs of the growing enrollment."

"Consideration should be given to employing a full-time nurse."

"The visiting committee questions the use of such a high percentage of teachers from one teacher preparatory institution."

**—Gene Howe—**

"Additional opportunities should be given students for creative art and writing at all levels."

"The remedial math program should be extended to the third and fourth grades."

"School buses should be provided for field trips in the social sciences and science."

"A full-time counselor is needed to serve the campus."

"The library budget should continue to grow."

"Plans should be initiated toward construction of a new elementary school which would eliminate the need for portable classroom units."

**—Junior High—**

"Books are needed for several areas, including home economics."

"The school should continue to implement individualized instruction."

"Conscientious student suggestions as to school policy, carried through proper channels, should be given due consideration by faculty and administration."

**—High School—**

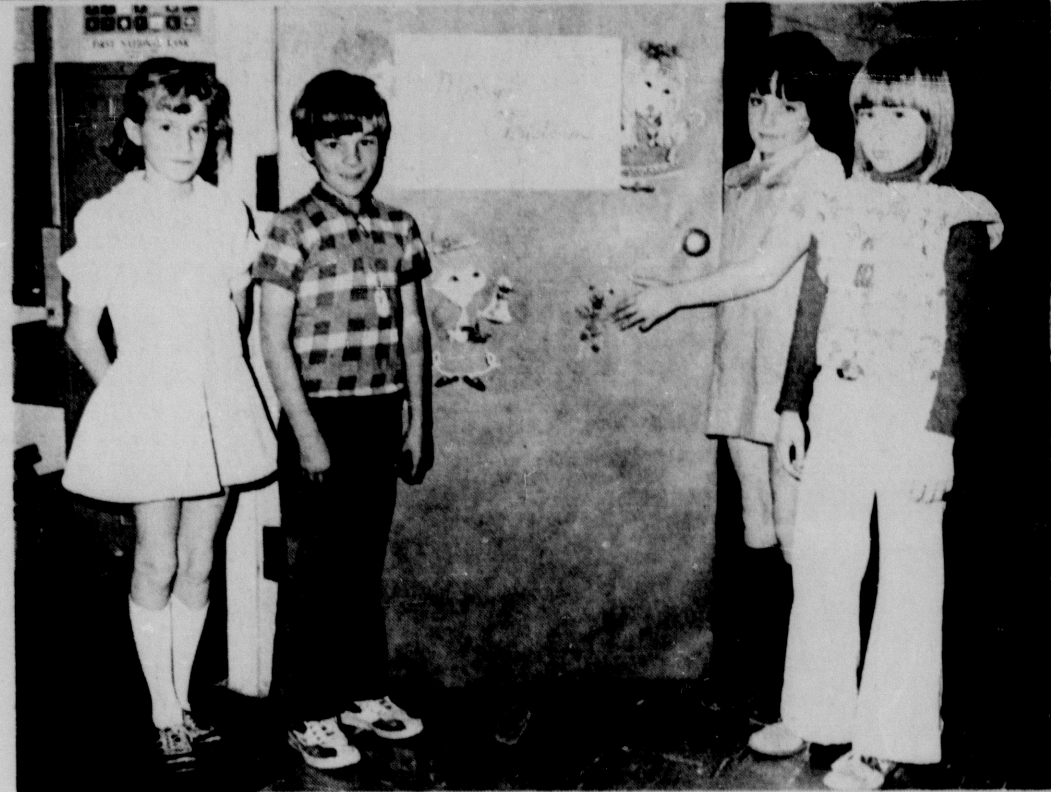
"More business courses should be added."

"Consideration should be given to broaden present course offerings in vocational education."

"There is a need to generate more enthusiasm on the part of students."

"An intramural program is needed for students not involved in athletics."

"Facilities should be kept cleaner."



WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS GREETING are students, from left, Tara Tankersley, Brad Hinder, Lisa Sands and Cindy Eller.

## Geology Course Set For Spring

The earth's plate tectonics and America's national parks will be the subjects of two unusual geology courses to be taught at West Texas State University this spring.

"Geotectonics," Geology 521, will "explore the many concepts related to the new theory of plate tectonics," says course instructor James R. Underwood, professor of geology.

"This theory suggests that the continents of the earth are moving relative to each other on six major 100 kilometer thick plates of lithosphere," Underwood explains. "The concept provides a new framework within which to interpret earth history and provides a new set of guidelines for the search for petroleum and other natural resources."

Underwood is also coordinating the Geology Department's team teaching of "Geology of the National Parks," Geology 399.

"This course is designed to de-

velop the student's appreciation for the natural beauty of his country as well as an understanding of the geological basis for the scenery of the national parks," Underwood notes.

Requirements for "Geotectonics" are a course in structural geology or consent of the instructor, and for the national parks course are physical and historical geology or consent of the coordinator.

"Geotectonics" will be taught Wednesday evenings beginning

at 7 p.m. in Room 216 of the Science Center, and "Geology of the National Parks" will be Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Science Center.

Registration for these and other courses at West Texas State University will be Jan. 17-18. For more information, contact the dean of admissions and registrar, WTSU, Canyon, Texas 79016 or phone 656-3331.



"LETH HEAR IT FOR THE CHRISTMAS THERIT" is the theme for a classroom bulletin as shown with students, from left, Lisa Porter, Lisa Johns, Noelle Plank, Pam Hinds, Allison Pride, Don Welberforce, Todd Thurman and Lanny Wilkinson.

## Track Season Set

Five indoor events and eight more outdoors have been announced for West Texas State

University's 1975 track season.

Coach Bob Kitchens' men will host four meets this spring, two indoors in the Activities Center, and two more on the Buffs' grass track on the Canyon campus.

Another highlight on the indoor schedule is competition in the United States Track and Field Federation meet in Oklahoma City Feb. 15.

"This has to be as good as any schedule we've ever had," Kitchens said. "The indoor schedule is better simply because of the USTFF championships, and our home meet with Oklahoma State (Feb. 7) will also be a test."

"Every team we'll run against will be greatly improved."

The meet Feb. 7 against Oklahoma State will start the home schedule with the Buffs hosting New Mexico State and Wayland Baptist College in a triangular meet on Feb. 21.

Outdoors, Colorado State and Eastern New Mexico will run against WT in Canyon on March 29, and the Buffs will host the West Texas State Invitational on April 19.

The 1975 Buff team could be one of the school's best ever. Freshman sensation Joseph Tionny adds strength in the mid-

dle distance events, and Kitchens looks upon the sprints, quarter mile, and field events as his team's top events.

Here's the complete schedule:

**Indoors**

Jan. 25 — LCC Invitational at Lubbock

Feb. 7 — Oklahoma State dual at Canyon

Feb. 15 — USTFF Championships at Oklahoma City

Feb. 21 — New Mexico State, Wayland Baptist at Canyon

March 3 — MVC Indoor Championship at Columbia, Mo.

**Outdoors**

March 15 — Arlington Relays at Arlington

March 22 — Texas Tech Relays at Lubbock

March 29 — Colorado State, Eastern New Mexico at Canyon

April 4-5 — Texas Relays at Austin

April 12 — Baylor, New Mexico State, Texas Tech at Lubbock

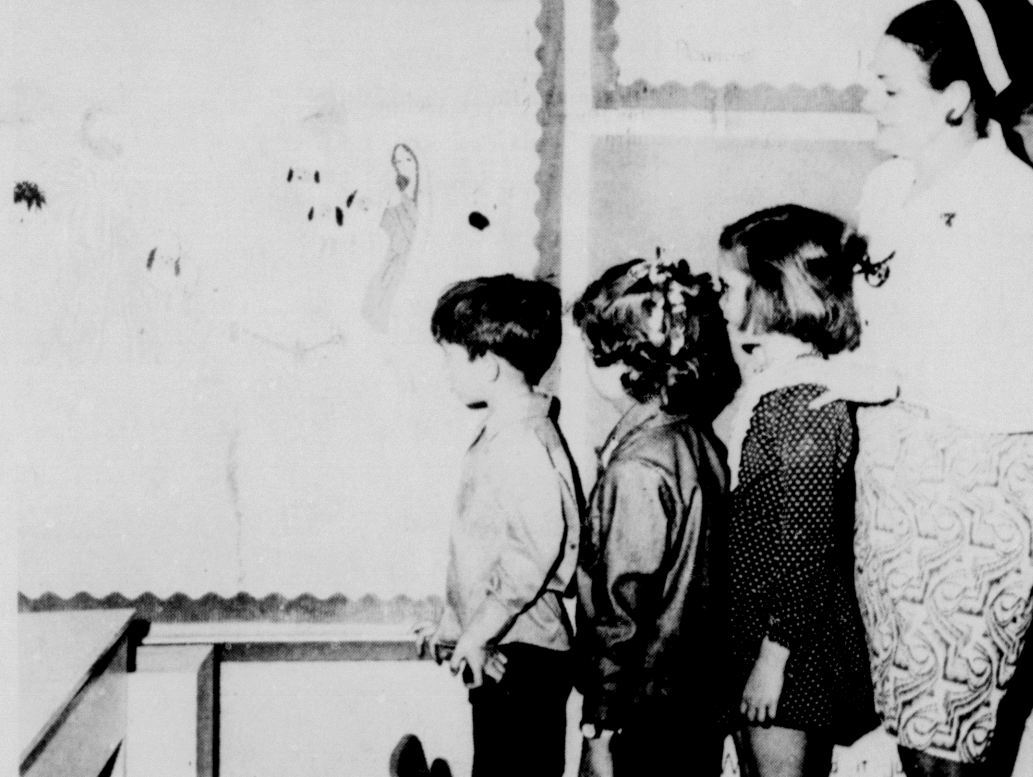
April 19 — West Texas State Invitational at Canyon

April 25 — Wayland Baptist Invitational at Plainview

May 2 — North Texas State at Denton

May 19-20 — MVC Outdoor Championships at Wichita, Kansas

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



THE FIRST CHRISTMAS is told by Mrs. Mary Townsend as her first grade students from left, Steven Carey, Sabrina Moreland and Erin Bailey listen intently.

### Gamma Sigma Sigma Service Group Sets Christmas Party

The Wheatheart Alumnae Colony of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority of Amarillo held a Christmas party for Delta Beta Chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Brick Lounge of McCaslin Hall on the WTSU campus.

Activities at the party included socializing and having two service projects — that of collecting toys for the Marines' Toys for Tots Campaign and making smile books for a local hospital.

Founded in 1952, Gamma Sigma Sigma is the largest women's service sorority in the

United States. At present there are over 150 undergraduate and alumnae chapters and colonies dedicated to the ideals of service, friendship, and equality. The requirement for membership is willingness to give volunteer service to community, school, and nation. The organization's national project is working in public health.

Service projects the Wheatheart Alums have completed include making Valentines and Halloween candy bags for the Hilltop Day Care Center in Amarillo; collecting newspapers for recycling; making Easter

favors for students at an elementary school in Amarillo; and helping the Arthritis Foundation with its annual drive.

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## Radiation Course Topic

Nuclear radiation, its detection, measurement and use, will be the topic of West Texas State University's "Radiation in Medi-

cine and Industry" this spring semester.

The new physics course "is a three-hour introductory course intended to familiarize participants with the principles of radiation technology," says Dr. Martha Head, course instructor.

"This course should be useful to students in health-related fields such as pre-med, pre-vet, pre-medical technology, nursing and certain pre-clinical programs," Dr. Head explains. "It is also intended to benefit those who are using or plan to use radioisotopes or basic nuclear physics in industrial applications."

Information will be provided about what nuclear and atomic radiations are, how they are in general detected, what aspects are measured, and under what circumstances these measurements are reliable, Dr. Head notes.

"The student can apply this general information to situations he will encounter in most fields of medicine and many industrial concerns," she continues.

"Radiation in Medicine and Industry," Physics 42102-1, will be taught Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Room 202 of the Science Center. No laboratory work or previous physics is required.

Registration for this and other courses at West Texas State University will be Jan. 17-18. For more information, contact the dean of admissions and registrar, WTSU, Canyon, Texas 79016 or phone 656-3331.

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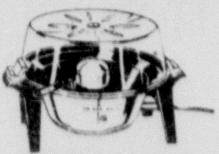


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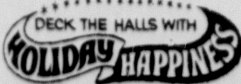
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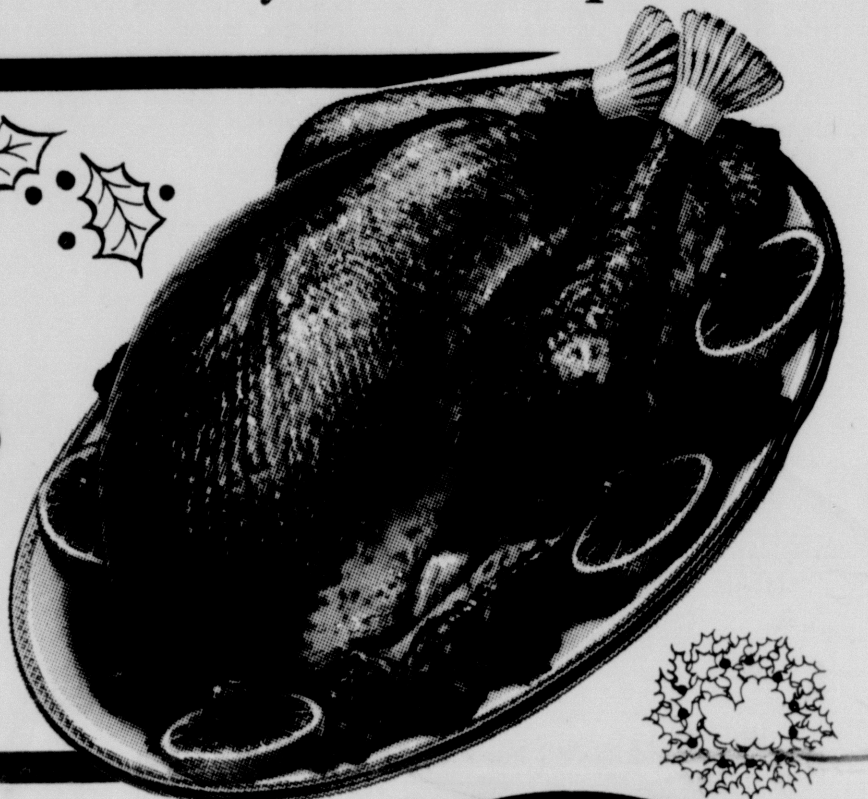
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# Villagers Began 'Carol' Singing For Festive Holidays

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "choraules" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kele.

**DANCE CAROLS** — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden where people dance around the tree singing many a dance tune, "Greensleeves," rollicking songs. Elsewhere, another is the 19th century dance carols are merely sung, American anonymous carol, although many of the tunes are "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all SHEPHERD CAROLS, of allaby carols is the "Coventry and about the shepherds to Carol," which was a part of one whom the angels appeared, and if the English medieval their coming to the stable with 'mysteries.' It is sung by a group humble gifts are the most human of women, portraying Bethlehem and appealing accounts of nothors just before Herod's Christ's birth. They were sung to soldiers slaughter their babies, accompany the vivid portrayals CAROLS OF THE MAGI — of this scene in the medievalThe arrival of the Magi with "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

**LULLABY CAROLS** were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lulling rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English

precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

**NATIVITY CAROLS** — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during the 5th century, when Christmas was fully es-

tablished as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

**LEGENDARY CAROLS** spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia.

**CAROLS OF CUSTOM** deal with pre-Christmas customs that have become attached to Christmas celebrations. For example, the yule log and mistletoe of England go back to the Druids. Decking the halls with boughs of holly and evergreen come from the Hebrews, Egyptians, Romans and other ancient peoples, for whom the evergreens were symbolic of life triumphant over death. The wreath came originally from the ivy crown worn by Romans in Bacchanalian festivals. "Was-sail" was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, "Waes-Hael" which means "Be in health" and which was part of Early Saxon feasts. "O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol goes back to the early days of wandering tribes, who would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

**CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS** — During the 6th century, the 12 days from Nativity to Epiphany were declared a festive season, celebrated in medieval England by many gay customs including, jousts, banquets, caroling and "mumming," which originally was a sort of pantomime dance performed by masked and costumed groups. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is based on an old French rhyme and chant.

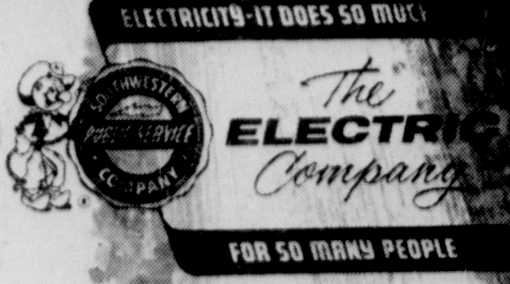


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My new address is 1410 9th Ave Canyon, Tex. To Santa I would like for you to bring me a table tennis, tennis balls and paddles. Ho Scale 8 racing set. Please bring me these things. Love, Mike Shehan

To Santa From Angie Merry Christmas Dear Santa I hope you will give me a watch and a knit magic.Cathy quick curl Address is 1410 9th Ave Angie Shehan

Dear Santa would you please bring me a bicycle & a piano. I am 5 years old. I live at 3300 Linda Lane Please remember all the other boys and girls I love you, Laura Parks

Dear Santa Claus I am five years old and I wish you would bring me a Sweet Sounds Tender Love doll, and a game, and a watch. I would also like a surprise. Please bring the other boys and girls some toys and remember to bring my brother some presents too. Paula Jones

## "Dear Santa Claus . . .

DEAR SANTA, For Christmas I would like to have a Kathy quick curl and a locket. My sister would like a candle maker and watch. I have been good, sometimes. I am 5 years old.

THANK you, JENNIFER McNEAL

Dear Santa, I have had lots of fun with the toys you brought me last year. This year I would especially like a bike, pinball machine and a rescue rig. There are lots of other things I would be happy with, too, so you leave me what ever you want to, PLEASE. We'll have cookies for you by the fireplace. My little brother, Mark, is trying to be good, too. Your Friend, David Thomason Age 6

Dear Santa, I have sure been having fun this Christmas, redecorating the tree, opening packages I'm not supposed to and all kinds of fun things. The thing I want most for Christmas is M & M's candy. I sure do like them. I would also like a play MacDonald's drive-in. Please remember my brother, David. Your Friend, Mark Thomason, Age 2

Dear Santa Claus I have been a nice boy. Please bring me some toys Christmas night. Thank you, Bryan Busted

Dear Santa, My name is Scottie Blevins and I am 6 years old and I would like to have for Christmas a GI Joe, a train, a football uniform and a bowling set. I'll be waiting for you with a glass of milk and some cookies. Hope you have a very merry Christmas. Scottie Blevins 2600 6th Avenue Canyon Texas 79015

Dear Santa This is D'Layne Peoples I Want a Babe a Live and a mece mose a desciaple and a TV I Love you

Dear Santa, Please bring me some toys and I'll be good forever. Bring me these things. 1. flashlight 2. candy cane 3. doll 4. truck 5. baseball hat 6. baseball 7. bat 8. little pool table 9. piggy bank 10. reindeer like yours Your Friend, Robert

P.S. I LOVE YOU Dear Santa I have been a good boy Would you please bring me some boots for Christmas. Thank you. Love, Robert Lowry

Dear Santa, Kristen received many toys last year. This year may I have a big dump truck? I would also like a snorkel, little cars, Evil Knivel, an alarm clock, watch, puppets, pajamas, levis, snow boots. Choose some of these — I don't have to have all of them. I am going to be always nice. Thank you. Love, MICHAEL XXXX

Dear Santa Please give my mom these. musical jewelry Box 10 French fragrances Alarm Clock picture frame super clear east kit bed Spread My moms name is Jane Please give my dad these Tool box Cologne mens hair dryer Electric shaver B.B. gun dart game My dads name is Howard Please give me a wacky wood set barbie twin house My name is Billie

Dear Santa Bruce wants a construction set, and a put-put train. Eric wants a belt and a Double holster set. I want the flintmobiles and a trampoline. We will be good so we can get some presents sincerely, Kurt Haschke

Dear Santa For Cristmas I want shoot out at o.k.carrol, King oil, football set, AFC race set, and bowling set. And thank you for the toys last year. Tim Schickedanz

Dear Santa Clause, I want a Sleepingbag, Booful Beans or Bitty Beans, Chubby Bear, Crayola Craft Frosty Sno-cone Maker Petite Double-bell Alarm 1 Battle Jacket 2 Flared pants 3 Perma-Frest knit T-shirt (Sizes 10 for all) LOVE, ALLISON Merry Christmas

DEAR SANTA CLAUSE I've been a good little 5 year old girl, helping me mother, and I would like a Baby Alive or a nice baby doll that I can dress like a baby, some candy and fruit, and come see all my friends as we all love you, have a safe journey. SUSAN Schickedanz

Dear Santa Susan would like a grocery store basket and a Barbie wig head. Lisa would like a Barbie friend ship and a play castle We all love you We wish you a very merry christmas and a happy-new year Lisa Camp and Susan Camp

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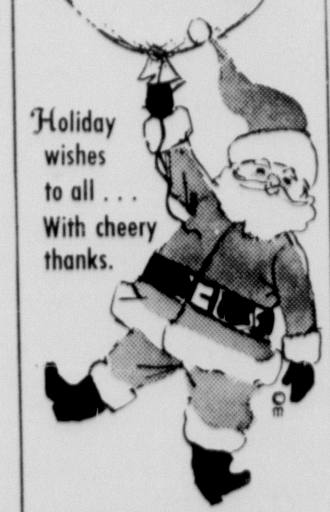
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# Holy Journey Begun By Decree

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed..." So begins the Bible story of the birth of Christ in Saint Luke's Gospel.

"All the world," of course, meant the Roman Empire of the time, and the "taxation" referred to was basically an "enrollment," according to biblical scholars, a census, leading ultimately to a land tax; so it was decreed that "All went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

And so, Saint Luke goes on to tell us, "Joseph also went up from

Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

The Bible gives us little more than those bare facts about the journey which ended at a manger outside Bethlehem. It has remained for biblical scholars and archaeologists to try to fill in the details as best they can from facts known or guessed about the Palestine of that time and from other indirect evidence in the Bible itself.

Although Joseph was a

Judean by ancestry, he lived and plied his trade as carpenter some 70 miles to the north in Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus spent his early years, thus becoming identified as Jesus of Nazareth.

There was a good road leading southward from Nazareth to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for this was no "backwoods" area but one traversed by merchants and their caravans as well as by the legions of the Roman Empire, all following in the footsteps of invaders and travellers of many years.

A journey of some 70 miles over

mostly hilly country without a car might give many of us pause today, particularly in view of Mary's condition. According to tradition, Mary rode a good part of the way on an ass, a common beast of burden and one certainly more appropriate to the task than either camel or horse, even had these been available to Joseph.

A journey of that distance, with Joseph walking and leading the ass, would be bound to consume several days, so it is likely that the travellers made provision for spending some nights along the way and, also,

carried sufficient food and water in case supplies were not always available.

Although Nazareth was a fairly sized town, it was reported to have had only one good source of water, known today as Mary's Well, from which it would have been prudent to obtain a "canteen" before setting out on a journey. Wells and springs were

to be found infrequently in the hills, particularly toward the end of the dry season, which the historians believe was the most likely period for the trip of Mary and Joseph. As to food, there would have been no problem in procuring rations of bread, olives, and other provisions for the journey from an area as rich in agriculture as Galilee.

Arrival at their destination in Bethlehem did not bring an end to "roughing it" for the travellers, for there were so many who had preceded them that "there was no room for them at the inn." Therefore, this predicament led Mary and Joseph to the manger, a cattle shelter outside Bethlehem which symbolizes the birth of Jesus.

## "Dear Santa Claus. . .

Dear Santa  
Wood you bring me a crissy? and a Make-up Mannequin wood you bring me a walkie Talkies? and a Lone Ranger and silver wood you bring Jamie West and Pancho Pony? Bigbird. liv puppy. I Love you I like you Love Jaelye Whitten give the rain deer a hug for me. And Miss. Santa you tell Santa get on the bell ok? Give the elfs a rest ok? Get Jack anything Love Jack Whitten  
Dear Santa Wood you bring me McDonalds? and a pushbutton sesame street talking phone and a big mouth singers  
Love Shane Whitten  
LOVE LOVE LOVE

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. I love you today and if you'll please send me, I'll write it down for you. I want a doll bed and a high chair and a book for Julie and a little dolly for Julie.

Love,  
D'Arcy Wilson  
1105 5th Ave.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big madiene lighton.

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DEAR SANTA,  
How are you? I want a Cathy Quick Curl & Baby Alive, a Barbie camper, a swimming pool, a quick curl Barbie & Barbie "Sweet 16." Please bring me a "Barbie Beauty Ctr." & Barbie's friendship airplane. I also want an ice machine and an custard maker. I want dishes & pans, too. I want a sink, a refrigerator & stove to play with, & a stroller, for my dolly. I also want a play food set. I want also a broom, sweeper, sponge & apron & sponge set. I also want clothes to Barbie.

Please bring Larry (my brother) lots of trucks, a lego set & a tractor. He wants a Fischer-Price Garage, too.

Dear Santa  
I have been a good boy Would you please bring me a Socker-Poppers for Christmas.  
Thank you. Love, Tad LaBorde

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy Would you please bring me a shooting gallery for Christmas.  
Thank you

Love,  
Richie Williams

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a teddy bear for Christmas  
Thank you.

Love  
Memery Alman

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me some boots. for Christmas.  
Thank you Love,  
Paula. Messenger.

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a guitar for Christmas Thank you.

Love,  
Danny Mankins

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy Would you please bring me a Evil Knieval stunt cycle for Christmas. Thank you.  
Love, Tracy Clark

Dear Santa  
I would like to have a Giant Grantry Crane and a road king mound mining set and a Husky dump truck and a dozer.  
With love  
Shane Mudge

Dear Santa  
I would like to have The Rail Road Empire and the Automatic depot unloads flat car with the two-amp power pack and the piggy loader and unloader.

With love,  
Rhett Mudge

Houshoes 12 sleeping bag bathtub baby icebird  
Seensay Melany

Bathtubbaby sleeping bag seensay houshoes 11  
Wendy

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a Big Jim a rescue rig and Big Jim clothes?  
Thank you.

Love,  
Scott Hollabaugh

Dear Santa  
I have been a good radio Would you please bring me a for Christmas tha.

noyth  
Love  
Randall Byers

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl Would you please bring me a Barbie camper for Christmas. Thank you

Love,  
Kara Prueett

Dear Santa  
I am Kaysee Jones. How are you? Im fine. I want some play horses and a doll called Cindarella. I try to be good. I am 8 years old.

Dear Santa  
Please may I have a Magic Kit. I'm 5 years old and I've been very good this year. "Ill be at Grandma and Grandad Joe's for Christmas and we'll leave you some cookies. I love you.

Love,  
Justin Joe Merritt

Dear Santa,  
Please may I have a Magic 8 Ball and a Magic Set With a cape, A hat, A Magic trick book and Magic Wand. I've been really good this year. I'm 5 years old. I'll be at Grandma and Grandad Joe's house for Christmas.

I Love You.  
Love, Jason Merritt

Dear Santa Claus,  
These are the things that want for Christmas: I want a real swing set, a motorcycle, and a gun, and a toy trampolene, and a toy machete knife, and a real big toy horse, and a play tool set, and a toy school.

P.S. I've been a good little boy Merry Christmas too!

From  
Edwin Pollock  
(age 5)

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want, some toys, and a tea set, and a table and some chairs, and a toy gun, and a toy gun rack, and a play semi truck and an inch worm, and a pick-up-truck, and a toy donkey.

Merry Christmas  
Love,  
Suzette Pollock  
(age 3)

P.S. I promise I've been good this year!

Dear Santa, I want a snoopy pencil sharpener snoopy radio barbie. beauty ctr. Raggedy Ann CLOCK

Dear Santa Kathy wants a raggedy ann or baby beans  
Kathy and Donna Welch

from walter Dear Santa I have been good please bring yedow and black bike.

Dec. 11, 1974

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Barbie camper, And a Mod-hair-Ken. And a New cathy quick-curl. And a light-bright. And a trampoline. And I want my two front teeth.  
Love,  
Patricka Ann Voelm.



Dec 11 1974

Dear Santa claus,  
Please bring to my little brother and my little sister my little sister is in 1 grade. my little brother want a track and my sister want a doll

Love, Thelma Flores

Dec 11, 1974

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to have a ttp cycle and a watch. I would try to be good. Love John. Raegan.

Dear SantaClaus, Dec. 11. 1974  
Tall Rudolph I Love him. And tall the 7 reindeer. I Love them to. I want a Baby Live.

Love Mayrene Esparza

Dear SantaClaus,  
I want a skyroket and a big meat box ful uv bebbes. And a 22 gun. I want a footbol suit.  
Love Sam Harrell 1707 creekmeer cenyun Texas.

Dec. 11, 1974.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a dog and some toyes.

David Dillard.

Dec 11

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a electric train and books and a game and a toy airplane.

Love  
Eric Petersen.

Dec 11 1974

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a muonton mine set and a bicycle that's red white and blue

Love Bruce Sommer



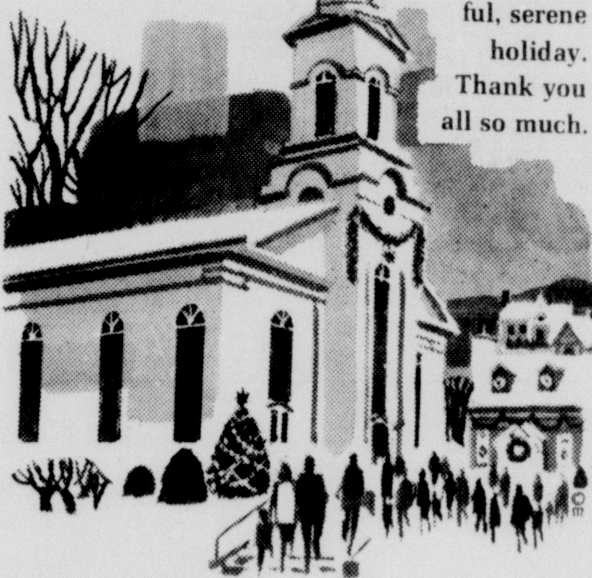
Best wishes and a very special thanks to all our friends.

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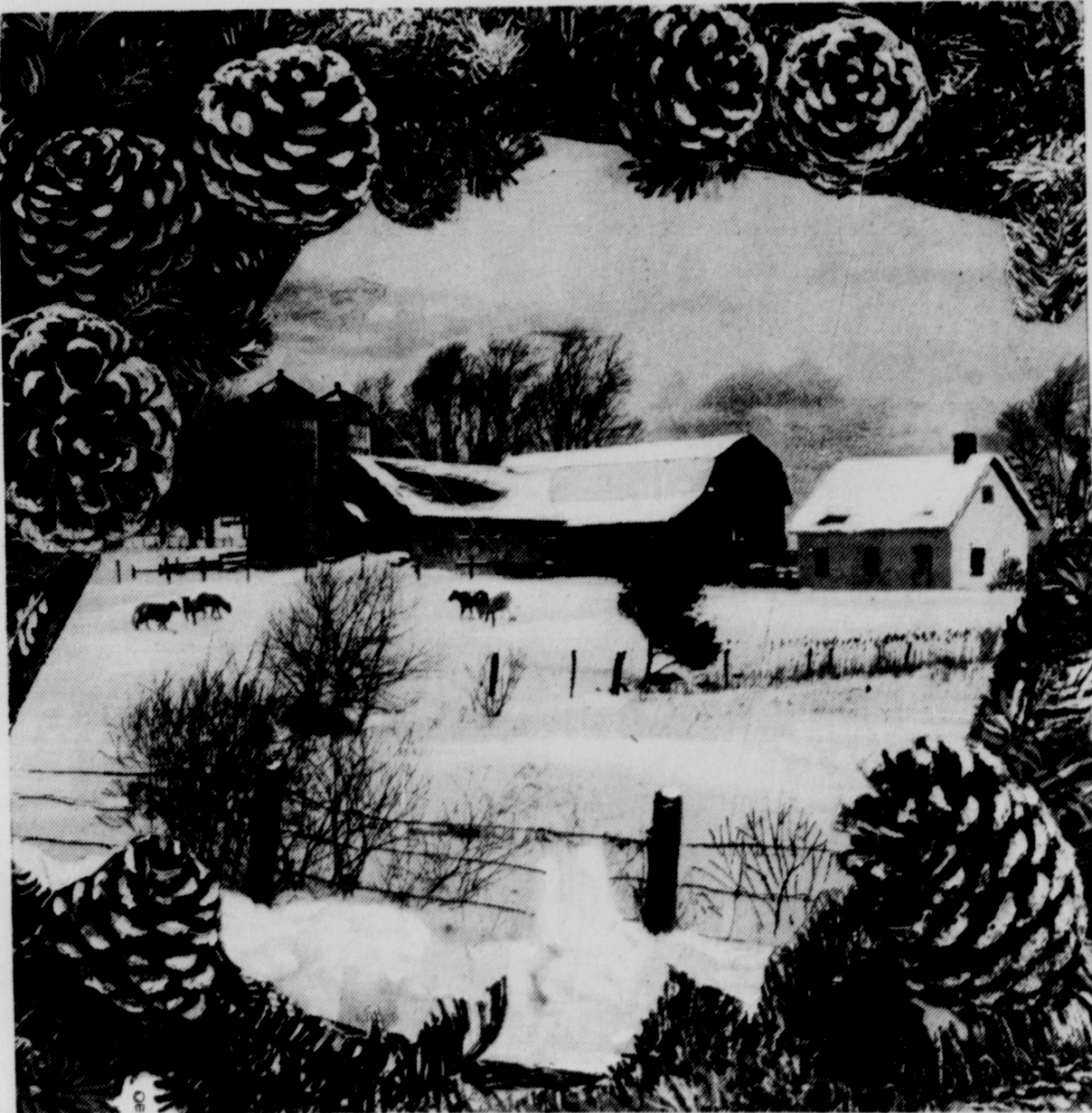
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### Christmas Greetings

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There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a population of about 300 year-round residents, and a family of deer, is the jolly old gent's namesake home — Santa Claus, Indiana — as well as the home of his helpers, and the location of his overflowing mailbox.

A unique landmark at Santa Claus is the U.S. Post Office near the intersection of Indiana highways 162 and 245, and next to the entrance to Santa Claus Land.

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one. Its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while the community has but slightly more than 300 year-round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 47579."

Letters addressed to "Santa Claus" represent the tens of thousands of children's "want lists" that foretell visions of Christmas morning, promise

cookies and milk, and extend best wishes to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. And, to the delight of children everywhere, all of these letters receive an answer from Santa Claus.

This unique practice dates back to the late 1920s when Robert L. Ripley popularized the town by featuring it in an article in his "Believe It Or Not" column. After the article appeared, mail began to mushroom, especially letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Tourists with children also started to arrive and make visits to the post office with their Christmas mail, following in the steps of Ripley who also sent his Christmas cards through the office here as proof that there was indeed a Santa Claus — as verified by the postmark. For over 40 years, children have met Santa himself, played by Raymond Joseph "Jim" Yellig.

Besides taking up the role of Santa Claus at the Santa Claus Post Office in the early 1930s, Yellig also embarked on a project that now involves much of the community of the Santa Claus, Ind. area. He noticed that the incoming letters were being stored away because there were too many for the postmaster of the day to answer and took pen in hand, along with his wife, to make sure children who cared enough about Santa Claus were answered.

### Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed. It is interesting that the other common English word for a cattle-feeder, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

### POPE'S YULE INSTRUCTIONS

Pope Gregory I in his instructions to missionaries on Christmas festivities sent out from Rome in the year 601: "The people . . . should celebrate a religious feast and worship God by their feasting, so that still keeping outward pleasures, they may more readily receive spiritual joys."

Dear Santa,  
I just wanted to tell you  
that I have not had  
one fight with Gindy.  
So I just hope you will  
give me a doll for Christmas.



Love  
Sharon  
Goode.  
P.S. Gindy and I  
both want a  
husband too!



Dec. 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a

pretty sleeping bag and a suitcase and a lunchpail.  
Love, Emily Kay Baker

Dec. 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please be careful. I've tried my very best to be good. All I want is a trip to my grandmother and a new school coat and some tennis shoes.  
Tell Rudolph to light up.  
Love Leslie Chumbley

Dec. 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a football, electric train, or a electric race car set. How are the reindeer? And the elves.  
Your freind  
Walter LaBrie

Dec. 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
What kind of prsent do you think i whant well you'll naever gaus. I want something that nobody wants.  
Love Vanessa Howard

Dec 11  
Dear Sant Claus,  
Please bring me a bicycle. And bring me a teddy bear. And bring me a radio. And bring me a Barbie.  
Love, Kira Alman

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 years old, and I want a doll that cooks dinner, and a doll that I can take a bath with.  
Love  
Renee Haley

Santa,  
Please bring me a inchworm to ride and Kevin a Levi jacket.  
Yvette Erdman

Dear Santa Claus,  
My Name is Joe Bob Corbitt, I am 7 years old.  
I haven't seen you this year yet, so please bring me any of these following toys:  
A Duke and Rescue unit  
A Kentucky Long Rifle  
A Guitar  
A Big Jim adventure set  
I have been a pretty good boy this year.  
I hope you have a Very Merry Christmas.  
Joe Bob Corbitt  
1010 3rd Ave.  
Canyon, Tex. 79015

Dec. 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have some doll houses left because that is what I really want. I would also like to have a baby dolly with a bottle.  
I love you Santa and I hope you have time to go to all the houses.  
Merry Christmas  
Cathy Corbitt  
P.S. Please bring my brother Joe Bob some toys too!

Dear Santa,  
I am 3 1/2 years old and I love you, Santa Claus!  
Would you please bring me a Cathy Quick Curl, a shopping basket and some dishes? I need some new pajamas, too!  
Have a nice trip!  
Love,  
Lori Hollabaugh

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me 2 pairs of skates and please let them look like boot skates.  
Love  
Melinda Kay, Ivy

## Most Faiths Observe December 25th

It is customary in the United States to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, the date observed by the Roman Catholic Church and most Protestant denominations, but not all Christian faiths adhere to that date.

In Bethlehem, Christ's birthplace, the Roman celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24th, highlighted by the traditional Midnight Mass, and continues on Christmas Day. The Greek Orthodox Church, however, observes January 7 as Christmas Day, marking the occasion with similar ceremonies. January 18th and 19th are the dates for the observance in the Armenian Church.

The three faiths have their own churches and chapels within the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and each observes Christmas on its own day with services in the Grotto of the Nativity at the exact spot where, it is believed, Jesus was born.

The separate observances are bolstered by a long history which ecumenism may find it difficult to erase. For centuries the Churches disputed possession of the sanctuary, originally built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 330, and precedence in worshipping there. The Greek Catholics took possession of the building in 1672. The Roman Catholics have shared it since the mid-19th century with the Greeks. Armenians have their own chapel and monastery in this city of about 25,000 population.

Since the different observances all involve numbers of celebrants, processions, traffic control, and other civic problems, the authorities of Bethlehem and the surrounding area would be just as happy if Christmas were celebrated universally on one day, but it is unlikely that such unanimity will be achieved soon in the face of the Churches' different traditions.



Peace...  
Love...

Let us rejoice as we celebrate and remember the true meaning of this holy day. Thanks.

Williams  
et cetera

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old and I want a racing car track. A crazy cars and houseshoes.  
I sure hope you've been feeling good this year.  
Love,  
Richard Haley  
12-13

Dear Santa  
I love horses alot and what I want for christmas is a horse painting on velvet and a statue of pecos ( pe cos is the horse I ride) and he is black. then I want you to bring me what you would like to bring me! I am from tucson Ariz. But I will be at the address down at bottom of the page  
your friend  
Laura Conway  
Rt. #2 Happy Texas  
79042  
P.S. Please send cindy (my dog) a red collar

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm good all year.  
I want toys, I guess.  
I want a stroller.  
I want a washing machine.  
Get an Ernie puzzle for Julie.  
She'll like that.  
I want a new Valerie baby.  
I want a new chest, a little high chair and a hang-up for doll clothes.  
I want little bows.  
Get Julie a new little baby too.  
I want a little play piano.  
I want to get Julie a little bear.  
I want new doll clothes.  
Bring something for Julie.  
Please hurry.  
Love,  
Jennifer & Julie

Dec. 13, 1974  
Dear Santa,  
I'm ready for you to visit my house this year. My Daddy and Mommy said I've been a good little girl. Would you please bring me a "Baby Alive." I will have some cookies for you.  
I love you, Santa,  
MICHELLE  
P.S. I would like a rub-a-dub dolly, too.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 3 years old. I want a camper with a mommy and daddy and sleeping bag. The daddy is going to sleep in the sleeping bag. I want something else. I want some binoculars with a string that goes around your neck and black. I could look at something. I am scared of you so please come while I'm asleep. And I'll probably snore.  
Love from Derrick Bonds

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 5 years old. I will be 6 in about 2 months. So I want 2 walkie talkies and a Snoopy Flying Doghouse and a Vertebird and I would like an airplane to fly. I want a pair of binoculars, too. Santa Claus, since I was born, I have liked you. Through the years, you have made a lot of Christmas deliveries.  
Love from Chad Bonds

Dear Santa,  
I am coming to Texas to see my grandparents. Please bring my presents to the farm. I would like a Magic Viewer, a football, and a bowling set. Also lots of candy, but not hard candy because it gives me cavities. Thank you.  
Love,  
Will Conway  
age 4

Dear Santa  
I would like you to bring me a breyer — Fighting stallion if possible in alabaster lippizan and if you can a surprise present and can it be big? I have been very good girl this year. Your freind  
Sally Stafford  
6325 Calle Marte

Dear Santa  
My name is Tracy Cox. I am 4 years old. I have been a good girl. Please bring me Baby Alive doll, bike, train set, games. Please bring something for my two sisters. Pam and Kandy. I will leave you some Cookies and Milk. I love you.  
Tracy Cox



### Greetings

Ring the bells with Christmas cheer, as we take a moment to send all of you our warmest wishes for a happy holiday and much gratitude for your loyal support. It's been a pleasure to serve you.

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### Warm Christmas Wishes



A sleigh full of cheery wishes is coming your way! Have a very merry Christmas Day! Our gratitude for your support.

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## Christmas Greetings

May your Christmas star lead you to a richer, happier life: warm with love, bright with joy, secure in peace. We take this opportunity to thank you for being such good friends. We're grateful for your goodwill and loyal patronage.

Mabel Shelnett  
Dorothy Bumgarner

Denise Halbrook  
Joyce Kendrick

Patsy Urban  
Gary Hair

Shell's Pharmacy



Deck the halls . . .  
carol . . .  
rejoice.  
Have your-  
self a very  
merry Yule.  
To all, our  
warm thanks.

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Mike Miller  
Kathy Platt

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# *From Our House To Yours*

## *A Merry Christmas*

And A

## *Happy*

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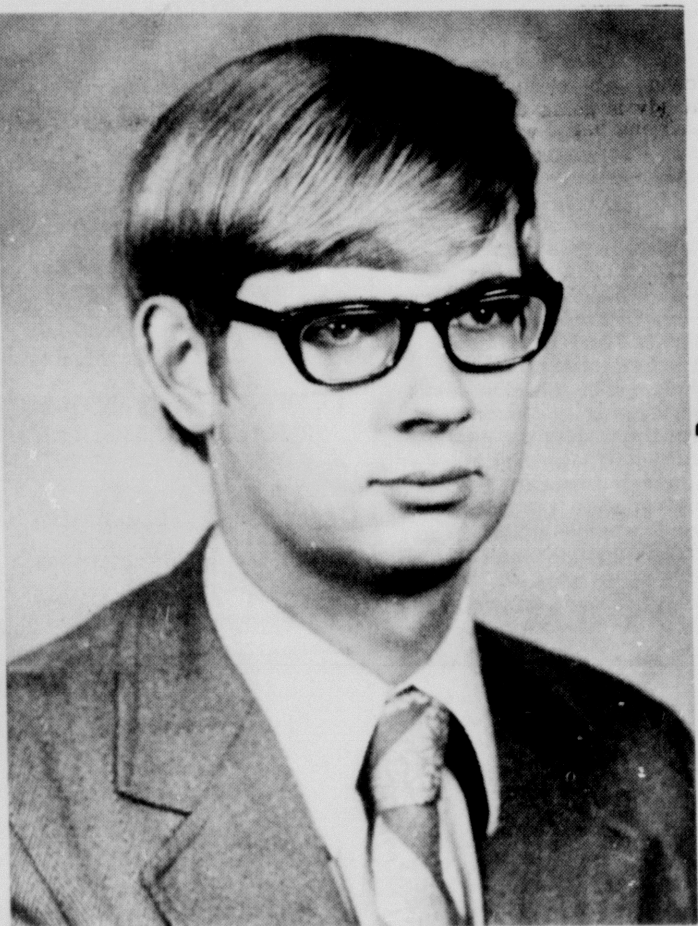
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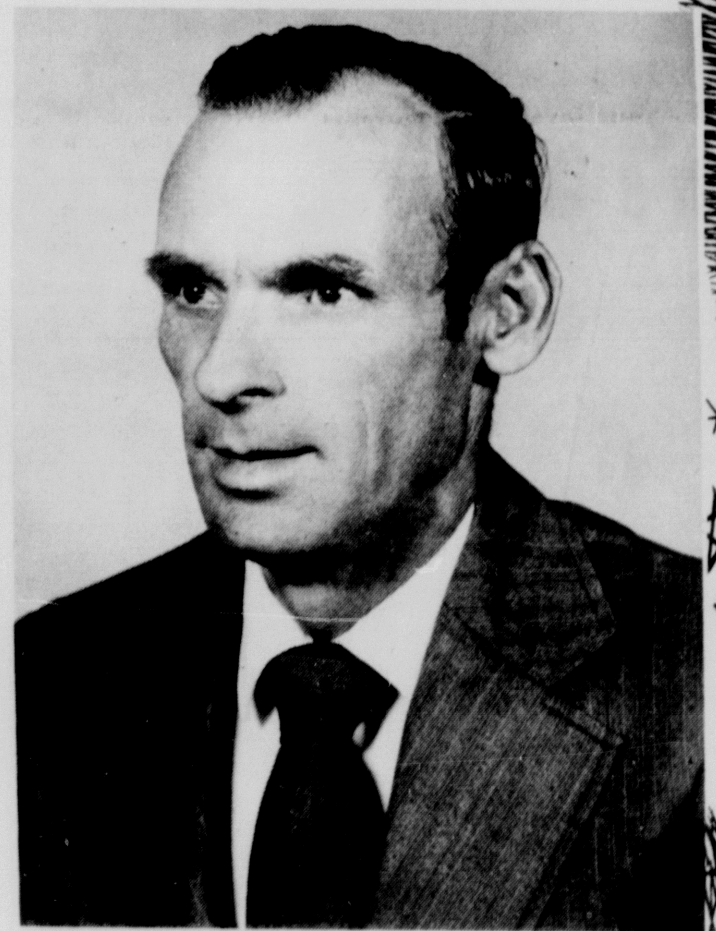
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# Tips To Make Yule Brighter



## Silent Night

During the season of Christmas may joy and peace be yours. Warm appreciation to all.

**W. T. S. U. Alumni Association**

The Christmas card made from a photograph of children or family group is highly popular as a means of bringing a sense of togetherness to relatives and friends when geographical separation makes the real thing impossible.

The best time for such pictures, naturally, is when presents are being opened and the family group is together, sharing and showing their joy in Christmas surprises.

A good second opportunity may be found when the family is gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. Other possibilities include "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and children playing, indoors or out, with new gifts.

Whatever subject you choose, better do it today — tomorrow may be too late to capture the best "shots" to share with others.

In most cases, Christmas cards become waste paper. Before you consign this year's cards to the trash can, consider removing personal messages from them and turning them over to a church or other group whose members devote their time to creating attractive scrap-books with the cards

Many beautiful and colorful cards, carefully selected and arranged in these inexpensive and easy-to-make scrap-books, provide hours of enjoyment to older people and others whose activity is curtailed for one reason or another.

You might enjoy making a scrap-book for yourself. Whatever the case, the second life given these Christmas and greeting cards can be rewarding and useful.

Christmas novelties, glass ornaments and tinsel decorations, from America and abroad, will enjoy great popularity during the 1974 Yuletide season.

People are celebrating with more non-electrical decorations, such as ornaments made from household items, glass decor which reflects the usual home lighting, and candles, homemade or bought.

The trend represents a return to home living, a more provincial way of life. This resurgence of a country-type lifestyle and family togetherness becomes most obvious during the holidays.

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## Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

- See how many of these questions about Christmas subjects you can answer. Check answers below and score yourself!
- The distance Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was approximately:  
a) 5 miles  
b) 70 miles  
c) 20 miles
  - The origin of the word Noel is:  
a) French  
b) Spanish  
c) German
  - The words manger, creche, and crib all have the basic meaning of:  
a) a cradle  
b) a stable  
c) a rack for feeding animals
  - The population of Bethlehem at the most recent census was:  
a) 25,000  
b) 11,500  
c) 49,000
  - The Church of the Nativity was originally built by:  
a) Roman Catholics  
b) The Emperor Constantine  
c) Greek Catholics
  - The actual date of Jesus' birth was:  
a) December 25th  
b) a date undetermined  
c) January 7th
  - Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because:  
a) Mary's home was in Bethlehem  
b) The Romans were taking census  
c) Joseph had work in Bethlehem
  - Reindeer are found:  
a) all around the Arctic Circle  
b) only in Northern Europe  
c) all over the world
  - The large-scale conversion of Laplanders to Christianity occurred:  
a) in the 19th Century  
b) in the year 330  
c) in the 17th Century
  - The best source of water in the Nazareth of Jesus' time was:  
a) Mary's Well  
b) The Mediterranean Sea  
c) a Roman aqueduct
- ANSWERS**  
1—b 2—c 3—b 4—b 5—b 6—c 7—b 8—c 9—c 10—c
- SCORING**  
8 or better is excellent — go to the head of the class!  
5 to 7 is average. Less than 5 — return one Christmas present!

**merry Christmas**

Good friends . . . good food . . . good cheer!  
That's our Christmas wish for you!  
We appreciate your loyalty and support.

**Crow's Grocery**



# Greetings

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy.

And as we celebrate this special time, we want to take a moment to thank you for your valued patronage and good friendship.

**Sternenberg Lumber Co.**  
Canyon Texas

### DECK THE TREE

You can adorn the boughs of your Christmas tree with beautiful ornaments you have made yourself. "Creative Clay" wreaths add the special touch of originality that can make your tree something unique.

To make the clay, you'll need 1 cup Argo corn starch, 2 cups baking soda (1 pound package) and 1 1/4 cups cold water.

Stir together corn starch and baking soda in saucepan, mixing thoroughly. Add water. Mix until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches a slightly moist mashed potato consistency. (Mixture will come to a boil, then start to thicken first in lumps and then in a thick mass; it should hold its shape when piled.)

Turn out on plate; cover with a damp cloth and let stand. When cool enough to handle, knead as you would dough until smooth. Shape as desired. If not to be used immediately, store tightly covered; the clay stays pliable for many weeks in a cool place.

For clay wreath tree ornaments, flatten small lump of clay in the palm of your hand. Make a hole in the center. Smooth and round out edges and let dry completely at room temperature.

Paint on green holly leaves and red berries, or use felt tipped pens. Spray with clear plastic or brush on clear nail polish for a protective finish. Then, hang the ornament from a tree bough with a narrow red ribbon tied around the wreath.

Your tree will be decked out with originality and beauty and reflect the personal touch of hand-crafted ornaments.

**Warm Christmas Wishes** From **University Style Shop**

Featuring Roffler Styles and Products—Male and Female  
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## Christmas Trees For Ecology . . .

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas-time. Most of the remainder are "thinings"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

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## Reindeer Flourish In Northern Areas

Reindeer flourish in large numbers near the Arctic Circle in Europe, Asia, and North America. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Alaska are all places where herds of at least semi-domesticated reindeer are accustomed to working with man, particularly the Laplanders.

The reindeer provides a vital source of food, clothing, and even transportation for many peoples living on the edge of the arctic world. Among other things, reindeer milk is as rich as the cream of cow's milk, although available in much smaller quantities.

There are several species of reindeer in North America, where it is called the caribou, ranging from the woodland

species, which is found in wild northern woods, through the barren ground caribou, which is the slightly larger but close cousin of the European reindeer, to the Peary caribou, living north of the Arctic Circle.

The present domesticated reindeer of Europe and Asia, where it can be found in single herds of up to 30,000, is a descendant of the barren ground species of those regions and has been successfully introduced into Alaska as a stock animal. These tame reindeer are gentle and easily handled.

Reindeer and caribou feed primarily on mosses and lichens in the subarctic regions, a type of fodder which takes time to replenish itself. As a result, reindeer and those who depend on them for a livelihood are nomadic and have no permanent home, since they must move at frequent intervals to find an adequate food supply.

Because of the Arctic habitat, near his North Pole headquarters, reindeer provide an ideal means of transportation for Santa Claus, but he can hardly claim a first for using them: cave paintings and bones found in prehistoric sites in Europe are evidence that the reindeer has been more or less domesticated since the time of the cavemen. But Santa Claus might qualify as an early supporter of women's equality, since the reindeer or caribou is unique among the deer family in that the females as well as the males grow antlers. Both sexes shed their antlers in the spring, like other deer.

## "Dear Santa. . . ."

- Dec 11 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a motor-cycle.  
Make sure its a Kawasaki 900.  
Remember to bring Rudolph.  
Love Gary Crabtree
- Dec. 11 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Be sure to let Rudolph  
Be in front of the sled  
But Bring me a  
Evil Knevil set and a  
Big present.  
From Thomas matney.
- Dec. 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus and Rudolph  
and the reindeers. I wish I had a  
Six mollen Dollaer man and A  
Evil knevil and a frosty the  
snowman and a kung fu and a  
underwaterman and a Rudolph  
and the sled and a santa and a  
Evil Knevil forgoe  
love Chris Applegate.
- Dec 11, 1974.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I tried to be good. will you bring  
me a doll and a bike and a play  
TV. hiow Rudolph howyou. did  
do. I hope you come to see me  
I am coming to see you Dec 12  
1974  
Nancy Mogg X
- Dear Santa  
I want a sleepingbag a cry  
baby beans and a stuffed  
angohakitty This is from  
Loriannkitten I live in Texas and  
I wanta housecoat?.
- Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Would  
you please bring me a race car set  
for Christmas. Thank you. Love,  
Duane Grabber
- Dear Santa, I have been a good  
girl Would you please bring me a  
tape recorder for Christmas.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Alissa Flack
- Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl would you  
please bring me a taperecorder  
for Christmas.  
Love  
Stefanie Nolan
- Dear Santa,  
I have been a  
good girl  
please bring me a Barbie  
camper for Christmas.  
Thank you  
Love, DreGrace
- Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl Would you  
pleas bring me a play  
machine for Christmas.  
Thank you.  
Love,  
Melissa  
Baker
- Dear Santa  
I have been a  
good girl Would you  
please bring mea track  
shoes  
for Christmas Thank you  
Love Kenda Reeves
- Dear Santa,  
I have been a  
good boy Would you  
please bring me a  
Knievalstuntcycle  
for Christmas. Thank you.  
Love Michael Johnson
- Dear Santa,  
I have been a  
good boy Would  
you please bring me a  
B-B gun for  
Christmas. Thank you  
Love  
Jimmy Womack
- Dear Santa Claus,  
I tried very hard to be a good  
boy. I would like a Evil knevil  
and a new ten speed.  
Love Derek Dowell



Dear, Santy I am a G.I. Joe nut.  
for crihstmas I want this stuff.  
Monte  
Staton.

(Editor's note: Monte enclosed  
pictures from a catalog of the  
items he wants. These include a  
Giant Helicopter, G.I. Joe Talk-  
ing Commanders, G.I. Joe  
Adventurers, Adventure Team  
headquarters, and G. I. Joe  
record and book set).

Dear Santa Claus;  
I am a little boy 4 years old. I  
want some toys for Christmas. I  
want a Snoopy-helicopter, a  
train, and a Baby Beans that  
talks. I can hardly wait for  
Christmas and I'm trying to be  
good. Please bring all the other  
boys and girls some toys.  
I love you,  
Brian Wilson

## GREETINGS

A happy...hoiy  
holiday to you.  
May it be  
rich in peace.  
Warm thanks.

**The Rookery**

## Merry Christmas

From  
**Your Canyon Newspaper Carriers - -**

**Charlie and Steve Childs**  
**Larry Vaughn**  
**Kirk Rathjen**

**Tracy Wesley**  
**Kendall Gallman**  
**Jamie and Donna Davis**

May the  
blessings  
of the first  
Christmas  
be yours  
to cherish  
now and  
always.

**Texas Body Shop**

108 N. 15th St.  
655-4794



# Letters to 'Santa' Overflow Mailbox

Dec 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a bike. I've tried to be good all the year. I would like a Remote control copter an Evel knivel and a Duke and rescue unit. Your friend,  
Steven Phillips

Dec 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I tried very much to be good Santa Claus.  
And a another thing I want is a 10 speed bike  
your friend Jim Bewley

Dec 11, 1974  
Der santa Claus,  
Please bring me a gun. and bring me a bike and bring me new cars. James Waddeh  
Dec. 11, 1974

Dec 11, 1974  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I've tried real good. I would have a big Jim and my brother would like a big Jim, too.  
Love Joe Gonzales

Dec 11 1974.  
Dear Santa Claus  
pleas bring me a guitar and a littl scout set and a western hat.  
your best frind Nicky Garnett  
Love Nicky Garrett

## Climate Key to Time of Holy Birth

The evidence that the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem took place in the dry season, that is, before the onset of winter, depends to some extent on what we know about the climate of Palestine today, which, scholars believe, is not very different from what it was during the time of Jesus.

The annual mean temperature is a pleasant enough 62.8 degrees Fahrenheit, with a range from a high of 112 degrees to a low in winter of only 12 degrees.

While the lowland plains, nearer the Mediterranean Sea, receive heavy rains from November to April, winter in the hills can bring biting frost, bitter winds and even snow.

### ASS ESSENTIAL TO EVERY DOMAIN

Although the ass, such as the one ridden by Mary, is sometimes described as a lovely beast, fit for those of humble station, there is considerable evidence that the docile and useful ass was ridden by many rich and prestigious people as well as the poor. The Bible often mentions the ass as a common part of many households.



**GREETINGS**

*It's been our pleasure to serve you in the past and we look forward to your continued friendship. Best Christmas wishes.*

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Add to your holiday greetings our wishes for a happy Christmas. Thanks for your patronage. We appreciate it.

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Insurance  
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# Italy Celebrates Religious Christmas Festivities Representing Many Origins

The celebration of Christmas in Italy, perhaps more than in any other country, illustrates the multiple origins of the festivities we observe in modern times.

Christmas in Italy is primarily a religious festival, highlighted by the Christmas Novena, a series of church services on nine nights preceding Christmas and culminating in a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

A feature of the observance is the display, usually from Christmas Eve to Epiphany (January 6th) of the creche or Persepio (the word means manger or stable), a Nativity scene with more or less elaborate landscaping and figures of sheep, cattle, and shepherds, as well as Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child. At Epiphany, figures of the Three Kings with their retinues, bringing gifts to the Child, are added.

These Nativity scenes originated in the thirteenth century with Saint Francis of Assisi, who decided to make the Christmas Eve Mass a re-enactment of the birth of Christ, and for many centuries they remained essentially an ecclesiastical presentation, with local churches vying for the most decorative creche. In more recent times, Nativity scenes have moved into private homes as well.

In the early years of the Christian faith, persecution

made public observation of Christmas impractical, and it was not until several hundred years had passed that the birth of Christ was given an official date for celebration. It is by no means certain that December 25th is the actual anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but it was an appropriate date for the observance. It coincided with the Winter Solstice celebrations of long standing throughout the northern world, with the Roman Saturnalia, and with the Jewish Hanukkah. Festival of Lights, providing a firm historical base, familiar to everyone in the

picked in the grove of the goddess Strenia was appropriately converted to the giving of "Strenne," Christmas or New Year's presents, following the later tradition of the gifts of the Magi to the Christ-Child and symbolizing the gifts to mankind brought by Jesus' birth.

### CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGIN

The Christmas tree, which originated in Germany, has come slowly into popularity in Italy, especially in the north, but it had its forerunner, especially around Florence, in the Ceppi, or Christmas pyramids, composed of shelves of various sizes fixed to a pole. (The word "ceppo" means tree trunk and, by usage, a Christmas gift). On the shelves were placed

decorations of greens and small toys and presents. It is possible that the ceppo may have been a replacement for the Yule log. But the burning of the Yule log, another custom of pre-Christian origin, is not unknown in Italy, where there is the pleasant legend that the Virgin Mary enters the homes of the humble at midnight, when the household is at Mass, to warm her newborn Child before the blazing log.

### ITALY FOCAL POINT

The fact that Italy contained the capital of the Roman world and, as a logical result, the headquarters of the Christian Church, has given Christmas in Italy a particularly rich observance.

then-known world, for a major festival.

### EARLY CUSTOMS

It is not surprising, therefore, that many customs derived from earlier celebrations have become a part of the Christmas observance in Italy. The coming of the Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of longer days, was observed in pre-Christian times by the decoration of houses with greens, and this custom, taking on added significance as a symbol of the rebirth of hope in the coming of Christ, is observed in Italy with sprigs of holly and mistletoe.

Similarly, the seasonal giving of gifts, already traditional in the Roman custom of giving branches

## Yule Greetings Derived from European Languages

The word "Christmas" means the celebration of Christ, short for Christ's birthday. "Noel" similarly is a shorthand word, coming to English through French from the Latin "Natalis," short for "natalis dies" or natal day. With a capital letter "Natalis" refers to Jesus' natal day.

The Italian "Natale" and Spanish "Navidad" (or Natividad) follow the same pattern. But "Weinachten," the German word for Christmas, means Holy Night or Blessed Night and refers to the Nativity only by implication.

"Yule" is an Old English or Anglo-Saxon word for Christmas, and there are similar words with similar meanings in German and the Scandinavian languages. Originally it probably referred to a pagan winter festival and became associated with the Nativity with the onset of the Christian era.

### Only Two Days . . .

With only two days left for that last minute Christmas shopping — it is really the last minute now — it is still the thought that counts in Christmas giving. And it always seems that the closer you are to the person, the more difficult it is to select the "just right" gift for the occasion.

Selecting the "right" present, instead of just "any" gift, is the major consideration of a thoughtful shopper and it's been that way ever since gift-giving became an integral part of the holiday celebration.

Back in the early times gifts were exchanged simply for sharing the joy of the season — and there were fewer gifts from which to choose — thus came the joy of sharing a special gift which had been handmade for the occasion.

Gifts took time — time to plan — time to make — but each gift was created and handwrought especially for the recipient. And the giver was generally fairly certain that the gift would become a cherished possession.



THE MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world. As Santa Claus in costume and Jim Yellig out of it, a 42-year career has been devoted to making sure letters are answered.

## A Lasting Christmas

by Garnett Ann Schultz

*I keep a part of Christmas  
For it helps to add a glow.  
To the January darkness  
And the February snow.  
If March is cold and blustery  
And though April brings us rain,  
The peace and warmth of Christmas  
With its happiness remain . . .*

*There's a beauty when it's Christmas  
All the world is different then,  
There's no place for petty hatred  
In the hearts and minds of men.  
That is why my heart is happy  
And my mind can hold a dream,  
For I keep a part of Christmas  
With its peace and joy supreme.*

## Inflation-Fighting Food Ideas

Brighten Festive Table With A Merry Popcorn Man



'Tis the season to be jolly but economical too. Try making novel popcorn goodies for fun and savings too. Get the family together, pop plenty of Jiffy Pop, then create garlands for the tree, balls for early eating and a merry popcorn elf to decorate the center of the table or mantle piece. Eyes, nose, mouth and earmuffs are edible gumdrops, while mittens and scarf are fashioned from colorful felt. Here's how to make your popcorn man.

- 3 packages (5 oz.) Jiffy Pop Popcorn (butter-flavored)
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Prepare popcorn according to package directions. Combine corn syrup, sugar, and salt in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat. Stir constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Cook for 4 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla. Gradually pour over popped corn. Stir until evenly coated. Grease fingers lightly with margarine, pack into medium-sized bowl; round top. Remove popcorn from bowl; round bottom. Do the same in small bowl for head. Use remaining popcorn mixture for snowballs. Place large ball on tray, press smaller one on top. Place half toothpicks in gumdrops and attach to head for eyes and nose. Cut gumdrop for mouth, flatten for earmuffs. Use toothpicks to secure as with eyes. Cut scarf and mittens from felt or other bright-colored cloth. Arrange and press to popcorn man. Place holly or fir in ball at side.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

*These young carolers are bubbling with happy Yuletide wishes for you . . . from us. Our merry thanks to all!*

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**GREETINGS**

*We're wishing all our neighbors and friends the best that Christmas has to offer, and much more. Many thanks for your loyal, continued patronage.*

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Downtown Canyon 655-2525



**Greetings**

The season's warm glow is filling the air with happiness and cheer, laughter and joy.

And as we celebrate this special time, we want to take a moment to thank you for your valued patronage and good friendship.

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**UMBARGER, TEXAS**



**KING HENRY'S TAPESTRIES**  
King Henry VIII of England owned 2000 wall hangings, all tapestries made by Flemish weavers, whose work was considered foremost in Europe.

# GREETINGS

May your Christmas sparkle  
with joy and  
laughter.  
Please accept  
our  
thanks.

**Merritt's Steakhouse**

Watch For Our Salad Bar and Sunday Cafeteria

## Yule Customs Of Europe's Laplanders

There are today some 30,000 Laplanders of which approximately two-thirds live in Norway, one third in Sweden, and smaller numbers in Finland and Russia.

Lapps are closely associated with reindeer, on which they have depended for a large part of their livelihood since prehistoric times.

The early Lapp religion was shamanistic, featuring a priest, or shaman, who divined the secrets of good hunting, fishing, reindeer grazing, and other matters of importance to the people, while in a state of trance. Beautifully decorated "magic drums" were a means of inducing the trances and are characteristic of early Lapp culture.

**CHRISTIAN CONVERSION**

Large scale conversion to Christianity did not occur among the Lapps until the 17th Century. This fact combined with the excessively tough conditions of the northern winter tended to prevent the development of Christmas customs as we know them — the church gatherings, decoration of homes and trees, the giving of gifts, and elaborate feasts. The Lapps' chief festivals came in spring and autumn with the occasions of marketing, when the products of the reindeer herds and furs from hunting were exchanged for other products.

However, 17th Century manuscripts describe one Lapp Christmas custom which has a

parallel in many lands and which reminds one of putting out cookies and milk near the chimney for Santa Claus. The old documents tell of a "sacrifice" to the "Yuletide People," spirits which were believed to fly about over the earth and which may have originated in a pre-Christian observance of the Winter Solstice.

**CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS**

On Christmas Eve there was a fast, and the food which would have been eaten was set aside. On Christmas Day this food, including samples of everything to be eaten on Christmas, was packed in a small boat-shaped basket of birch and hung upon a tree. In this manner the Yuletide

People could partake of the feast like everyone else.

In modern times, with many Lapps living a more settled life in permanent communities, the observance of Christmas is becoming indistinguishable from that of other northern Scandinavians. Today's Christmas tree among the Lapps had its forerunner in the tree-hung sacrifice to the Yuletide People.

**MAGIC GIFTS**

The gifts brought by the Wise Men all had magical associations: gold for the sun mystery, frankincense as the smoke-maker, and myrrh, the healer.

## 'Christkindli' Of Switzerland Reappears At Holy Season

Christmas has a unique significance in the German and French speaking regions of Switzerland because the "Christkindli," or Christ Child, is believed to walk on earth during this season.

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli," represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel-like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

Although the "Christkindli" is commonly believed to be personified Christ-Child, he is sometimes represented as an angel bearing a light or a star just as an angel heralded the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. On the other hand, the "Christkindli" has some of the characteristics of a sprite, as suggested by the wand and the wings, which can be linked to pre-Christian beliefs. Some suggest he may stem from the pagan custom of representing the New Year as a radiant and beautiful child.


Like Santa, the "Christkindli" also arrives in a sleigh drawn by reindeer, so there would appear to be some intermingling of Christmas legends here.

St. Nicholas is represented in several ways in different parts of Switzerland. In some, he is called Father Christmas and comes with his wife, Lucy (representing St. Lucy whose feast day is

December 13) to distribute gifts. He wears the traditional Santa Claus costume, while Lucy wears a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a fancy apron.

In the central part of Switzerland, St. Nicholas is represented more realistically in his bishop's regalia complete with mitre and crozier. On St. Nicholas' Day, which falls on December 6th, there is a magnificent parade in which white bearded masqueraders, clothed in long white shirts, carry huge three-foot mitre-shaped lanterns over their heads. These lanterns are perforated in intricate religious designs, similar to church windows, and when the candlelight shines through them, as their bearers execute a stately dance, they are an impressive sight indeed.

In the village of Urnaesch in the Canton of Appenzell, the men and boys go "Santa Clausing." Some wear red Santa Claus costumes with jingling bells while others, dressed and masked as "ladies," wear enormous, elaborate picture hats decorated with panoramas of Alpine scenes. Starting early in the day on New Year's Eve, the group proceeds through the village with an unusual hopscootch gait, stopping at each farm to share their merriment and partake of refreshments. When darkness falls, they all head for the Valley to pursue their New Year revelry.



### CRAFTY IDEAS

### VERY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CARDS

Chances are nobody ever sent you a "batik" card for the holidays! A batik is a piece of dyed cloth, on which the parts not to be dyed have been coated with removable wax. The result: a beautifully patterned piece of fabric — or a very special card that your friend or relative will never forget.

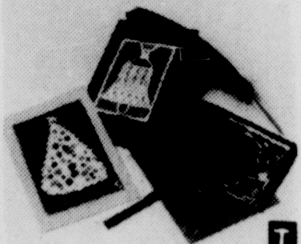
The materials you'll need to make a batik are: Rit dyes, white fabric of cotton, nylon, rayon, or silk, paraffin, construction paper (9 x 12 inches) in assorted colors, rubber cement or white glue, and brushes. You'll also need waxed paper, a double boiler (or a coffee can inside a sauce pan) a candy thermometer, rubber gloves, thumbtacks, heavy cardboard or a wooden frame, iron, paper towels, and a container for the dye-bath.

Here's how to make a batik: Wash the fabric to remove sizing and iron dry. Cut fabric to desired size — 5 x 7 1/2 inches for a 6 x 9 inch card. Stretch fabric over wooden frame, or place on waxed paper covered cardboard and attach securely with thumbtacks.

Plan your design and colors. Then, either draw design lightly with pencil on fabric, or place sketch under waxed paper so you can follow it when applying wax. Melt wax in double boiler. Use thermometer and heat wax to 170°F. Fabric should appear darker when wax is applied. If not, wax is not

hot enough. Brush melted wax on areas of fabric which you want to remain undyed. Allow to dry.

Prepare dye-bath (one-fourth cup of liquid Rit or one-half package of powder Rit for each pint of warm tapwater — 90° to 110°F.) Wet waxed fabric and immerse in dye-bath. Move about gently for 10 to 30 minutes. Rinse in lukewarm water and press between layers of paper towels or old newspapers to remove wax. Any remaining wax can be removed by dipping into a household cleaning fluid.



The final step: constructing the card. Using 9 x 12 inch construction paper of contrasting color, fold center so that it is 9 x 6 inches. Cut "frame" from right side to fit your "batik" and glue fabric in place with rubber cement or white glue. Allow to dry and then glue white paper inside, attaching to back of "batik" picture. Use the right side for writing message.

But whatever your message, it will have extra charm meaning, and artistic appeal because you've added that extra touch of originality!

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

To All Our Readers

The Canyon News



# Christmas Greetings

Good tidings of comfort and joy . . . to all our cherished friends and neighbors. We hope the season's warmth fills your house and hearth with rekindled feelings of peace and brotherhood. Rejoice . . . be happy! Share the Christmas spirit! Special thanks for your loyalty and very pleasant associations.

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